

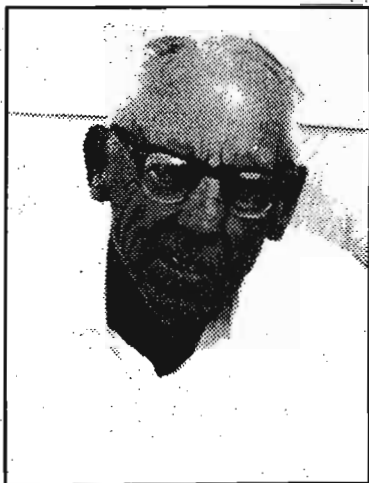
CLIFFORD PALMER ANDERSON

Born: April 2, 1906 - Died: November 2, 1983

Liberty County Times

November 10, 1983

Rites held for Clifford Anderson



Clifford Palmer Anderson was born in Dazey, North Dakota on April 2nd, 1906. He was the eldest of eight children born to Mayme H. LaValley and Andrew B. Anderson. He was baptized Lutheran as an infant in North Dakota. The family came to Montana in 1910 and homesteaded one mile north of Joplin. Clifford attended schools in the Joplin community, and graduated from high school in Inverness in 1924. He continued his education at Western Montana College in Dillon and received a teacher's certificate. He returned to Liberty County and taught for one year at the Sunnyhill Country School located north of Chester. On June 1st, 1928 he married Vera S. Sopher in Hingham. They lived in Joplin where she taught school and he farmed. In 1940 Clifford and his brother, Prosper, opened the Joplin Meat Market, which they operated together until their retirement in 1975. Since then, Cliff and Vera have relaxed and enjoyed life in Joplin. His health had remained good until two years ago. After a three week stay at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Clifford died on the evening of Wednesday, November 2nd. He was 77 years old.

Clifford and his parents were

charter members of the Bethel parish in Joplin, and because of this memorials will be given to the church. Clifford also sang in the church choir for many years and was a charter member of the Lutheran Brotherhood. In his younger years he enjoyed big game hunting and fishing. In his later years he liked to watch a good baseball game and enjoyed raising a vegetable garden. Throughout his life Clifford has been a great lover of music, and especially liked those old-time gospel hymns.

Survivors include his wife, Vera of Joplin; 5 brothers, Prosper, Sanford and Morris, all of Joplin, Donald of Fairfield, and Robert of Augusta; 2 sisters, Laura Beatty of Great Falls and Mildred Overgaard of Plentywood; and numerous nephews and nieces. Clifford was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 5th, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Reverend John N. Olson officiating. The congregation sang "Now Thank We All Our God", accompanied by Iris White. Vocalist, Sue Violett, sang "Amazing Grace" and "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing". Ushers were Ed Mlinar and Frank Meldrum. Pallbearers included Clyde Heydon, Kenneth Miller, Elmer Hadford, Ron Wolery, Raymond Stanberry, and Lawrence Terwolbeck. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon followed the graveside services in Kjos Hall.

DOROTHY (PAT) AMES

Born: July 13, 1924 - Died: June 16, 1983

Liberty County Times

June 23, 1983

Dorothy Ames, 58 dies in Kalispell

Dorothy "Pat" Ames, 58, 732 1st Street West in Kalispell, died Thursday morning, June 16, at Kalispell Regional Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born July 13, 1924 in Grace City, North Dakota, the daughter of Joseph M. and Lucy O'Brien. She was raised and attended public schools in Chester, Montana. January 20, 1943, she married Earl Howard Ames in Chester. After World War II, the couple moved to Kalispell, where Earl worked as a cabinet maker and in a local saw mill. Pat was a waitress for 23 years at Tut's Buy-Rite, and then at the Sportsman Cafe for several more years until illness forced her retirement.

Surviving are her mother, Lucy O'Brien of Spokane; one son, Richard E. Ames of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Mrs. Ray (Ellen) Van Riper of Kalispell and Mrs. Dan (Pat) McFall of Corning, California; three brothers, Darby O'Brien of Chester, Dennis O'Brien of Seattle, and Dion Martin O'Brien of Ephrata, Washington; one sister, Mrs. Lloyd (Mary Denise) Vassar of Spokane; five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, and her husband Earl in 1981. Visitation was at Weatherford Funeral Home from noon to 8:00 p.m. on

Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, after which the casket remained closed. Funeral services were Saturday, June 18, at 1:00 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle, Associate Pastor at Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. The body was then forwarded to Hennessy-Smith Funeral Home in Spokane for graveside services on Monday, June 20 at Fairmont Cemetery.

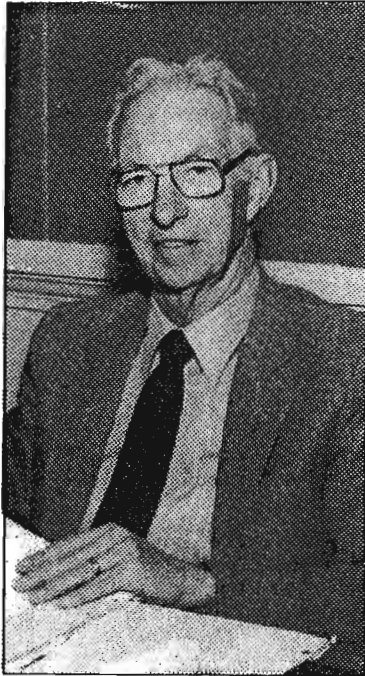
RALPH L. BENJAMIN
Born: ?, 1906 - Died: July 13, 1983
Great Falls Tribune
July 15, 1983

SHELBY — BENJAMIN, Ralph L., 77, died Wednesday at his summer home near Bigfork. Services will be at Burns Funeral Home 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Mountainview Cemetery, Shelby. He was born in Stavely, Alberta. He moved with his parents to a homestead nine miles north of Shelby in 1909. He graduated from Shelby High School and attended the University of Montana in Missoula. He married Ruby Wolfe in Shelby in 1934 and worked for a number of years for the Sunburst State Bank (now the Toole County State Bank). He was serving as a U.S. Customs inspector when he enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942, spending about three years in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war he served as Shelby postmaster for 22 years, retiring in 1973. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Mark (Beth) Sorensen of Kalispell; two grandchildren; and two brothers, Harry of Shelby and Dr. L.M. Benjamin, Bigfork.

JOSEPH BRANNON

Born: September 16, 1920 - Died: March 5, 1983

Liberty County Times
March 10, 1983



Joseph Brannon

Joseph Brannon was born on September 16, 1920 in Zahl, North Dakota. His parents were Joseph and Zita (Colwell) Brannon, and he was one of five children. Joe was educated in the Zahl community and graduated from high school there in 1938. For the next few years he attended college at Minot and received his standard diploma in 1941. From 1942-45 he served in the U.S. Army and attained the rank of sergeant. Following the war he returned to Minot State Teacher's College and earned his Bachelor's degree in 1947. During the next five years Joe taught in North Dakota schools of Alexander, Beach, Antler and Deering, and then taught one year at Gildford.

He came to Chester School System in 1952 and served as the Junior High School Principal for the next 11 years. In the summer months he continued his education at the University of North Dakota and earned his Master's degree in 1954. While teaching at Chester, he met Helen B. Ogden, and they were married at Fort Shaw on August 6th, 1955. They have made their home in Chester since that time. In 1963 Joe became the High School Superintendent. He resigned that position in 1967, but continued on as mathematics instructor until his retirement in 1981. In the summers of 1968-70, Joe attended a math institute at San Jose State. Since his retirement from teaching, Joe has worked as fieldman for Hi-Line Fertilizer in Hingham.

He has suffered from a heart ailment these past 15 years, and he collapsed suddenly on Saturday afternoon (March 5th) in a Chester business establishment. He died shortly thereafter at the Chester Hospital. Joe was 62 years old. Joe had been a member of St. Mary's Church and the Knights of Columbus. He had been an active member of the M.E.A. for over 25 years. He had also held memberships in the Chester V.F.W. Post #3997 and the Shelby Elks Lodge. Joe was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed basketball. His hobbies included boating and gardening.

Survivors are his wife, Helen of Chester; 2 sons, Bruce of

Bozeman and Bill of Butte; 2 brothers, Ray and Jerome, both of Shelby; 1 sister, Mrs. Oscar (Madonna) Gunlikson of Shelby; and several nephews and nieces. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and a sister (Bernadine).

Vigil Prayers were recited Tuesday evening at the Rockman Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection was held Wednesday morning (March 9th) at St. Mary's Church. Father Denis Keane celebrated the mass with special music provided by members of St. Mary's Choir. Altar servers were Pat Harmon and Travis Burrows. Scripture and obituary readings were by Robert Chvilicek. Ushers were Tom Ludwig and Joe Seidlitz. Friends serving as pallbearers included Walt Wicks, Bob Nordstrom, Ray Standiford, Norm Anderson, Joe Raunig and Marvin Krook. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by V.F.W. Post #3997. "Taps" was played by Larry Thorsen. Following graveside services, a memorial luncheon was given at the church by the Altar Society.

BURTON STANLEY BREDESON

Born: October 2, 1917 - Died: November 7, 1983

Liberty County Times

November 17, 1983



Burton Bredeson

Services held for Burt Bredeson

Burton Stanley Bredeson was born in Maynard, Minnesota on October 2nd, 1917. He was one of seven children born to Hanna Sackariason and Andrew Bredeson. Burt was baptized and confirmed in his youth in Maynard. He attended schools in Maynard and was actively involved in the football and basketball programs there. Following high school graduation, he attended St. Cloud Teacher's College for two years on a football scholarship. July 3rd, 1941 he married Violet H. Bengtson in Kahoka, Missouri. In October of 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served as a sergeant in the 205th Engineer Combat Battalion in the Aleutian Islands. He was honorably discharged in October of 1945. Burt and Vi returned to Minnesota where they lived in Montevideo for the next five years. It was in 1951 that they came to Montana. Burt worked in a dry cleaning business in Cut Bank before moving to Chester in 1955. He initially worked for Red Denter in the cleaners, then later for Heinz Stark in the plumbing business. Burt eventually became a master plumber and worked for himself until the past year when his health prohibited it. After a long hospitalization, Burt died on the afternoon of Monday, November 7th, while a patient at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena. He had just turned 66 years old last month.

Burt had been a member of the Lutheran churches in Maynard, Montevideo, and here in

Chester. In years past he had been a member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge and the Chester V.F.W. Post #3997. Burt was an avid sports fan and reader. He loved the innocence and happiness of children, and was especially fond of his own grandkids.

Survivors include his wife, Violet of Chester; daughter, Suzanne (and Marvin) Pederson of Fargo, North Dakota; 2 sons, Neil (and Nancy) of Cut Bank and Jeff (and Debbie) of Helena; sister, Elmira Stageberg of Willmar, Minnesota; brother, Art of Maynard, Minnesota; 6 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and neices. Burt was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 sisters (Olga and Ethel), and by 2 brothers (Oliver and Harold).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 11th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Vocal music by Wayne Wardell included "When Peace Like A River" and "Just As I Am." and he was accompanied by his wife, Juanita. Ushers were Ric Richter and Joe Seidlitz. Pallbearers included Charles Green, Sterling Wardell, Lawrence Schaefer, Dave Will, Quannah Bailey and Emmers Berg. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by the local veterans clubs. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon was held at the church following graveside services. A memorial fund is being established.

JOSEPH AUSTIN BROADHURST

Born: January 15, 1903 - Died: December 1, 1983

Liberty County Times

December 8, 1983

Services held for J. Austin Broadhurst

Joseph Austin Broadhurst was born in Liberty, Missouri on January 15th, 1903. He was the 4th of five children born to Maggie Augusta Johnson and Joseph Jackson Broadhurst. He was baptized Methodist and had his early schooling in Missouri. In 1915 he came to Montana with his family, spending that first winter in Raynesford and then coming to Chester the following spring. They homesteaded on the Pondera Creek located 25 miles southwest of Chester. Austin finished his education at country schools near the homestead. In addition to helping out on the family farm, Austin worked for neighboring ranchers, including Harold Kinread and L.D. Pugsley. On November 28th, 1928 he married Myrtle Berg in Great Falls, and the product of that marriage was three children. They took over the family homestead in 1938. In the later 1940's Austin served a term as Liberty County Commissioner. He remained active on the original homestead until 1963, when he sold it to his son, Bud. On November 7th, 1964 Austin married Violet Jabes Armstrong in Great Falls. Since that time they have lived on the Armstrong ranch in the Ledger community. Austin also had a summer ranch in the Browning area, where he remained active in the cattle business until the fall of 1981, when he retired due to ill-health. He has had several long hospitalizations these past six months. Austin died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the early morning hours of Thursday, December 1st. He was just 1½ months shy of being 81 years old.

Austin was a lifetime member of the Montana Stockgrowers and longtime Hereford breeder. He held memberships in the Shelby Elks and Moose



J. Austin Broadhurst

Lodges, and served as a State Brand Inspector for many years. In the depression years he helped build and repair highways, reservoirs and dikes along the hi-line, so alot of history dies with him. In his younger years he enjoyed raising a nice vegetable garden and working with horses and cattle. His love for the ranch continued to grow, as he was a "cow man" from the word go. He was a good corral builder, an avid rodeo fan, and he loved good quarterhorses and cow ponies. He enjoyed fishing for brook trout in Browning, and in his quiet hours he liked to read any Western book he could get his hands on. Austin had a good sense of humor, and he never lost it, even at the end. He was happy with life and his marriage to Violet, and at times was very compassionate and caring to those around him. Austin was no better than any other, just simply a unique man from a unique era...

Survivors include his wife, Violet of Ledger; 1 son, Kenneth of Ledger; 2 daughters, Glora Lomen of Chester and Mrs. Bernie (Alice) Bach of Fort Benton; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces; and

his faithful blue heeler dog, "Judy." Austin was preceded in death by his parents, by his 3 brothers (Earl, Arvin and Claude), by his sister (Effie), and by 2 grandchildren.

Following is the "Cowboy's Christmas Prayer," which is not only timely, but is something Austin might have considered one cold, lonely night out on the prairie:

I ain't much good at prayin,
and you may not
know me, Lord --
I ain't much seen in churches
where they preach
thy Holy word.

But you may have observed me
out here on the lonely plains,
A-lookin after cattle,
and feeling thankful
when it rains.

Admirin Thy great handiwork -
the miracle of grass,
Aware of thy kind spirit
in the way it comes to pass.
That hired men on horseback
and the livestock that we tend,
Can look up at
the stars at night
and know we've got a friend.

So here's ol' Christmas
comin on,
remindin us again
Of Him whose "comin"
brought good will
into the hearts of men.
A cowboy ain't no preacher,
Lord,

but if you'll hear my prayer,
I'll ask as good as we have got
for all men everywhere.

Don't let no hearts be bitter,
Lord -
don't let no child be cold.

Make easy beds
for them that's sick,
and them that's weak and old.

Let kindness bless
the trail we ride,
no matter what we're after,

And sorter keep us
on your side,
in tears as well as laughter.

GLADYS BURKHARTSMEYER

Born: ? - Died: September 30, 1983

Liberty County Times

October 6, 1983

Gladys Burkhartsmeier dies of auto crash injuries

Mrs. Burkhartsmeier died just before midnight Friday of injuries received in the accident that involved a semitrailer truck, a pickup truck and the car in which she was riding. Her daughter, Ann Burkhartsmeier Hansen, 29, and her granddaughter, Julie Hansen, 1 died earlier of injuries suffered in the crash, and a second Hansen child, 4-year-old Jessica, remains hospitalized in Havre.

Services for the three victims were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Chinook. Burial was to be in Kuper Memorial Cemetery. Rosary was to be recited Monday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church.

Gladys Burkhartsmeier was born in Havre, and attended school in Hingham. She attended Northern Montana College and St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, receiving her teaching degree. She taught in Kremlin. She married A.F. Burkhartsmeier in Hingham. She was active in the farm and ranch life in the Gildford area. The family moved to Chinook in 1964, where she taught music lessons until the last few years.

She was president of the Montana Federation of Music Clubs and active in St. Gabriel's Catholic Church as organist. She served in the Coast Guard during World War II. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Jean Kiel, Bil-

lings, and Mary Jo Burkhartsmeier, Chinook; six sons, J.C. of Helena, Paul of Santa Clara, California, Bill of Billings and Mark, Frank and Tom, all of Chinook; three brothers, Roy Rambo, Hingham; Howard Rambo, Libby, and Arthur Rambo, Gildford, and two sisters, Cecile Brevik, Hingham, and Edith Dolezal, Havre.

THOMAS CAMPROS
Born: April 5, 1894 - Died: January 18, 1983
Liberty County Times
January 27, 1983

Funeral held for Thomas Campros

Funeral mass for Thomas Campros, age 88, was celebrated on Thursday morning (January 20th) by Father John E. Coady at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chester. Rosary services were recited at the church the evening before.

Thomas Campros was born at Assios, Corinth, Greece on April 5th, 1894. He came to the United States at age 14 and lived in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1900 he came to the Great Falls area where he worked various farm related jobs. He married Ann Soski in 1927. They lived in Great Falls until 1954, when Tom moved to Butte. He later moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge until ill health forced him into the Liberty County Rest Home. He died there on the early morning of Tuesday, January 18th.

Survivors include his wife, Ann of Great Falls; a son, Andrew of Chester; a daughter, Kay Dry of Big Springs, Texas; 16 grandchildren; and 8 great-

grandchildren. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sons (George and Thomas, Jr.).

Pallbearers at the funeral included Lawrence Schaefer, James Hull, Lawrence Terwolbeck, John Abrahamson, Dean Fox and Charles Juden. Traditional mass music was provided by members of the St. Mary choir, accompanied by Helen Ann Aaberg. Funeral arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel, Chester.

BEULAH CARMICHAEL

Born: January 23, 1895 - Died: January 29, 1983

Liberty County Times

February 3, 1983



Funeral held for Beulah Carmichael

Mrs. Virgil T. Carmichael, age 88, died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the afternoon of Saturday, January 29th. Beulah Willetta Lenard was born at Russellville, Indiana on January 23rd, 1895. She was one of seven children born to Wallace and Augusta (Donehew) Lenard. In 1912 Beulah was baptized in the Christian Church at Russellville and attended grade schools near there. She graduated from high school in 1914, after which she attended State Normal College in Terre Haute and received her teacher's certificate. In the years that followed, she taught school in North Dakota, Indiana, Kentucky and Montana. On May 18th, 1918 she married Virgil T. Carmichael in Greencastle, Indiana. They made their home in Louisville, Kentucky where she taught school, while Virgil served in Officers Training School at Camp Taylor. After the war ended, they moved to Bainville, Montana where Virgil was appointed Superintendent of Schools. They spent the rest of their married life in Montana, having lived in 13 different school communities. Virgil was superintendent in Joplin from 1941-45. He retired from teaching in 1954 and went to their home in Lavina. Virgil died on August 27th, 1959. Beulah remained in Lavina until March of 1969, when she sold her home and has since lived with her children.

At the time of her death, Beulah held a life membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, having served in the

Joplin Chapter and the White City Chapter at Lavina. She had also been active in the American Legion Auxiliaries at Lavina, Ismay and Chester. Church memberships included Lavina United Methodist and Inverness United Methodist, and she was active in the women's Bible study group in Inverness.

Beulah always had a sharp mind and good memory of important dates, places and events. She was a very compassionate person and this was exemplified in her love for her grandchildren. She loved to visit and cherished friendships. Beulah kept in close contact with friends, and in her healthy years it wasn't unusual for her to write up to 20 letters per week. She never had an enemy nor did she ever say a cross word about anyone. She loved to read and was a student of the Bible. Beulah had a green thumb when it came to flowers and plants. In her younger years she enjoyed doing handiwork and attending sporting events.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. Curt (Angeline) Nelson of Casper, Wyoming and Mrs. Norbert (Virginia) VanDessel of Joplin; 1 son, Virgil, Jr. of Vancouver, Washington; 1 sister, Anna Hufford of Pasadena, California; 6 grandchildren; 12

great-grandchildren; and several nephews, nieces and cousins. Beulah was preceded in death by her husband, a son in infancy, her parents, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 1st, at the Inverness United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Mullette officiating. Music was provided by Esther Woods on the organ and Betty Connor on the piano. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and Dennis Kenfield sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus". Pallbearers included Robert, Don, Barry and Larry VanDessel, Dean Heydon, David Alley and Allan VanDessel. Honorary bearers included "all of Beulah's many friends" and Ralph Peterson served as usher. A luncheon was given to family and friends following the services.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 2nd, at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. Committal prayers were provided by Reverend Tom Lane of Billings. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

All undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Hospital.

CHARLES E. COLLISON

Born: ?, 1895 - Died: December 15, 1983

Liberty County Times

December 22, 1983

Funeral held for Charles Collison

Charles E. Collison, 88, World War I veteran and life-long carpenter, died Thursday at the Fort Harrison veterans hospital near Helena.

He was born in Burtrum, Minnesota and moved with his family to Kensal, Minnesota in 1910. He finished high school and went to work as a carpenter before serving in the 142nd Machine Gun Battalion in World War I.

After his marriage in 1919 to Blanche Smith in Kensal, he and his wife moved to Clements-ville, North Dakota in 1920 where he managed a lumberyard. In 1923 they moved to Moneta, California, and in 1927 they moved to Hinsdale to manage a lumberyard.

Future moves took them to Engeland, North Dakota in 1930 and to Havre in 1935. In 1938 they moved to Great Falls where he was manager of Lumberyard Supply. Further moves took him to Helena in 1952 and to Chester in 1954. From 1954 to 1962 he managed Western Lumber in Chester.

He was one of the original founders of the Great Falls Senior Citizen bowling league. He holds the record of 40 years consecutive attendance at the annual Little Brown Jug at Havre. He was a life member of the Veterans of WWI and the Kyle Masonic Lodge of Hinsdale. He was also a member of the VFW Post 1087, Fraternal Order of Eagles, AARP Chapter 198 and the Scottish Rites of Great Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche E., Great Falls; three sons, Duane, Great Falls; Keith, Bozeman, and Hugh, Kirkwood, Mo.; and a daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Lauris) Hawkinson, Great Falls.

AGNES LENORE CONNOLLY

Born: February 2, 1905 - Died: November 14, 1983

Liberty County Times

November 24, 1983

Funeral for Agnes Connolly Nov. 17

Agnes Lenore Connolly was born in Portland, North Dakota on February 2nd, 1905. She was one of five children born to Olaf and Mathilda (Olson) Domire. Nora was baptized as an infant at the Bruflat Lutheran Church in Portland. She came to Montana in 1910 with her parents, who homesteaded in the Goldstone community 20 miles north of Rudyard. It was there that she attended the Swift Country School. In 1917 her family moved to a farm 10 miles north of Rudyard, and she continued her education there at the Hue Country School. In 1925 Nora moved with her brother, Bennie, to a farm located 1½ miles north of town, and she helped with the cooking and farming operations. On December 3rd, 1936 Lenore married George L. Connolly in Havre. They made their home in Rudyard, where George farmed and worked at Sanvik's for many years. Her husband died on December 10th, 1958. Nora remained at home in Rudyard until 1980, when she entered the Liberty County Rest Home because of failing health. She died there on the early morning of Monday, November 14th, at the age of 78 years.

In her younger years she had been an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. She was confirmed there as an adult following her marriage. Although she and George never had any children

of their own, she did like kids and enjoyed babysitting her nephews and nieces. She could best be described as a "homebody" as she didn't get out and about much. Nora kept a neat, orderly house and was concerned about her personal appearance as well. In her quiet hours she enjoyed watching television and crocheting doilies.

Survivors include 1 sister, Mrs. Mabel Rivitt of Seattle, Washington; 1 sister-in-law, Mrs. Ann Domire of Rudyard; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 3 brothers (Willie in infancy, Bennie in 1979, and Carl in 1980).

Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 17th, at 11:00 a.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. The Reverend Wayne Bungum of Chester officiated. Iris White was organist and she accompanied the congregation, who sang "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers included Gerald Langel, Mike Wendland, Kenneth Afdahl, Clarence Wendland, Leander Schweitzer and Roger Zentzis. Interment was in the Highland Cemetery in Havre with arrangements by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester. A luncheon was given to family and friends at the church on their return from Havre.

VELMA CROSS

Born: February 7, 1898 - Died: June 16, 1983

Havre Daily News, Havre, Mt.

June 7, 1983

HAVRE — CROSS, Velma, 85, died Thursday in a Havre rest home. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre; burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Havre. She was born in Muir, Mich., and attended schools in Michigan. In 1917, she married Walter Cross in Muir. They moved to Rudyard that year and resided there. She taught at Love School north of Rudyard for a time. He died on their anniversary in 1953. Seven years ago she moved to a rest home in Havre. Survivors include five daughters, Florence Johnson of Sunburst, Virginia Brandt and Norma Jewett, both of Seattle, Margaret Gorder of Havre, and Velma Johnson of Billings; two sons, Charles of Rudyard and Donald of Havre; 23 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral held for Velma Cross

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon in the Holland and Bonine Chapel for Velma Cross with the Rev. Rodney Kvamme officiating.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery.

Angela Henning was accompanist and David Rice sang, "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art."

Brenda Brandt, a granddaughter of Mrs. Cross sang, "In the Garden" and "Jesus Loves Me."

Norman Gorder participated in the service and gave a tribute to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Cross.

Pallbearers were Loren Brandt, Christian Gorder, Kendall Johnson, Marlin Cross, Craig Cross, Terry Cross and Brian Johnson.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord
is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121

In Memory of —

VELMA CROSS

Date of Birth: February 7, 1898
Muir, Michigan

Date of Death: June 16, 1983
Havre, Montana

Services:

Monday, June 20, 1983
2:00 P.M.

Holland and Bonine Chapel
Havre, Montana

Officiant:

Pastor Rodney Kvamme

Interment:

Highland Cemetery
Havre, Montana

ARTHUR WALTER DOLL

Born: March 24, 1911 - Died: December 17, 1983

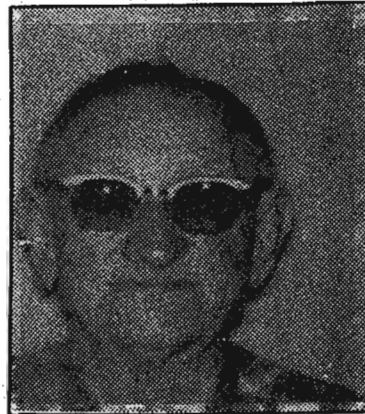
Liberty County Times

December 22, 1983

Funeral held for Art Doll, 72

Arthur Walter Doll was born in Binford, North Dakota March 24th, 1911. His parents were Alvina Welling and Paul Doll, who farmed and ranched in the Binford community. Art and his brother, Leonard, were the only surviving children from a family of eleven; the other children were premature births, still-borns, or deaths in infancy. Art was baptized and confirmed Lutheran, and attended country schools through grade 8 near Binford. In his teens he helped on the family farm, and lost his right hand in a hay baler accident. He later moved to Valley City, North Dakota where he worked in the construction business. While there he married a widow lady named Elizabeth Meyers, who died several years after their marriage. They had no children. Art was working for Olaf Wick, who was in the grain elevator building business. The business took them westward into Montana, and they ended up on the Hi-line area in 1956. Art helped build the elevators at Joplin and Devon. On Thanksgiving Day of 1956, he went to the farm of a cousin, Alice Griesbaum, who was farming her dad's homestead 12 miles northeast of Joplin. Art started helping her with the farming operations, and has lived there since. He has had several heart attacks, dating back to 1958. He collapsed at home on the afternoon of Saturday, December 17th. He was taken by ambulance to the Chester Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Art was 72 years old.

These past 20 years the farm has been his hobby. He enjoyed



Art Doll

doing carpenter work, planting trees, and growing a vegetable garden. In his quiet hours he liked to listen to sports broadcasts on the radio, or simply reading, and he was especially fond of newspapers and detective magazines. Art loved dogs, and he and Alice always had a pet dog on the place.

Art's only survivors are his brother, Leonard, last known to be living in Valley City, North Dakota, and his cousin, Alice Marie Griesbaum of north Joplin.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 21st, at 2:00 p.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend John N. Olson of the Joplin Bethel Church officiated. Iris White played the organ and Judy Lake sang "In the Garden" and "Softly and Tenderly." Pallbearers included Albert Gifford, Robert Lake, Charles Fraser, Mark Widdis, Duane Fraser and Prosper Anderson. Honorary bearers were Herbert Poetzl, Ralph Peterson, Armand Anderson, Frank Meldrum and Frank Richter. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery.

ELIZABETH (BETTY) DUNCAN

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November 17, 1983

Mass celebrated for Betty Duncan

Mass of the Resurrection for Elizabeth "Betty" Duncan was celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Michaels Church with Rev. Bernard McCarthy as celebrant. Burial will be in the family plot in Hillside Cemetery. She was born in Conrad and lived in the area until 1946 when the family moved to a ranch near Browning. She attended the Ursuline Academy in Great Falls and graduated from Browning High School in 1953. She married Bert "Bud" Duncan in Great Falls January 24, 1954 and they lived in the Conrad area until 1959 when they moved to the Duncan ranch east of Conrad, where they had resided since. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Val (Claudia) Johnson, Conrad and Mrs. Douglas (Ana) Maria Thisselle, Ledger; two sons, Clayton and Ronald, North Kanai, Alaska; five sisters, Mrs. Ed (Velma) Chiotte, Sand Coulee, Mrs. Clyde (Nellie) Schultz, Mrs.

Mae Hallenberg and Mrs. Earl (Olive) Duncan all of Conrad, and Mrs. Clinton (Rosemary) Love, Cut Bank; and four brothers, Edmund Davis, Conrad, Raymond Davis, Vaughn, Oliver Davis Jr., Amarillo, Texas, and Thomas Davis, Augusta.

ORINGA EFFINGER
Born: ?, 1897 - Died: March 11, 1983
Liberty County Times
March 17, 1983

Funeral held for Oringa Effinger

Oringa Effinger, 86, died Friday in a Chester hospital. Services were Monday in the Holland and Bonine Chapel with burial in Havre Cemetery.

Born in Milan, Minnesota, she moved to a homestead in Saskatchewan with her parents and later to eastern Montana where she grew up.

She and Erwin W. Effinger were married in 1922 and they came to the Hingham area where they homesteaded. She had lived in Hingham since.

Surviving are two sons, Erwin O. Effinger, Hingham, and Glenn Effinger, Havre; a daughter, Mrs. Irene Kannberg, Hingham; two brothers, Norman Johnson, Whitefish, and Lloyd Johnson, Salem, Oregon; four sisters, Ethel Yeasley and Verna Farnik, both of Havre; Viola Cramen, Denver, and Emma Anderson, Opportunity, Washington; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Clarence.

STEVE ELIOFF
Born: September 15, 1895 - Died: May 23, 1983
Liberty County Times
May 26, 1983

Graveside services for Steve Eloff

Steve Eloff, age 87, died Monday afternoon (May 23rd) at the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester. He had been a resident at the rest home since July, 1977.

Very little information is known about Mr. Eloff. He was apparently born in Yugoslavia on September 15, 1895. He reportedly had four brothers and four sisters in Yugoslavia, but it is unknown if any of them are still alive. He came to the United States in the early 1900's and eventually ended up in Montana. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad on the

section crew for many years on the Hi-Line, and retired in 1960. He lived alone in Gildford before coming to Chester. Hospital records indicate that he never married. Although reports indicate that he was a "pleasant" person, he was also a "loner," so not much else can be told.

Graveside services will be held at the Chester Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. today (Thursday, May 26th). Father Denis Keane of St. Mary's Parish will conduct comittal prayers. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel.

IDA ENGEBRETSON

Born: ?, 1902 - Died: September 2, 1983

Liberty County Times

September 8, 1983

Ida Engebretson

Ida Engebretson, 81, Ronan, died Wednesday at her home. Services were 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. She was born in Lanesboro, Minnesota. She received her early education there before moving to Kalispell in 1910, where she lived for one year before moving to a family homestead 15 miles south of Chester. She received the rest of her education there. She returned to Kalispell in the early 1940's and worked for many years as a cook in the Palms Cafe, the Silver Grill and many other restaurants in the Kalispell area before retiring in 1972. She had lived in the Kalispell and Ronan areas since her retirement. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Aaberge, Whidby Island, Washington; Mrs. Eva Dygert, Missoula, and Mrs. Lillie Adler, Ronan.

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HARVEY LOUIS FENGER
Born: ?, 1913 - Died: May 16, 1983
Liberty County Times
May 19, 1983

Funeral held for Harvey Fenger

Harvey Louis Fenger, 70, died at his home Monday evening in Bigfork. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell, with burial in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Born in Willow Lake, Minn., he moved with his family as a child to the Chester area, where he went to school. In 1935, he married Isabel Kinvon

in Shelby. The couple farmed north of Galata until 1963, when they retired and moved to Bigfork. Survivors include the wife, Bigfork; a son, Delmar Fenger, Kalispell; two daughters, Carol Bjork and Merilee McClurg, both Bigfork; a brother, Herbert Fenger, Polson; a sister, Dorothy Tufts, Arizona; six grandchildren.

JOHN L. FENZL

Born: ?, 1925 - Died: May 4, 1983

Liberty County Times

June 23, 1983

Services held for John Fenzl, 58

John L. Fenzl, a resident of South Dakota for many years, was born in Chester, Montana, a son of Ida and John Fenzl, who were early day settlers in the community north of Chester.

He attended Chester schools and as a young man farmed in that area for several years.

May 17, 1944 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a Guard Patrolman during World War II, guarding Japanese and German prisoners of war, until his honorable discharge in May of 1946. He enjoyed traveling, woodworking and being with his family and friends.

Fenzl, 58, passed away May 4th in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Hot Springs, South Dakota, after a short illness.

Survivors include four sisters, Rose Fenzl of Portland, Oregon; Margaret Barnard of Spokane, Washington, Helen McAlear of

Red Lodge, Montana; and Goldie Sommer of Reno, Nevada; one nephew and five nieces.

Services were held May 9th in the Catholic Chapel of the V.A. Center, with interment in the Black Hills National Cemetery out of Sturgis, South Dakota.

TORGER O. FORSETH
Born: July 19, 1899 - Died: May 30, 1983
Liberty County Times
June 2, 1983

Torger Forseth dies

Torger O. Forseth, 83, a former Missoula resident, died Monday in Puyallup, Washington, where he had resided for the past five years.

He was born on July 19, 1899, in Norway.

He lived in Missoula from 1933 to 1978, and was a salesman with Minnesota Woolen Mills for over 30 years. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missoula.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle, Puyallup; two sons, Clarence, Seattle; and Laurence, Maui, Hawaii; two daughters, Alice Land, Seattle; Marvel A. Hood, Puyallup; a brother, Siegard, Kalispell; two sisters, Randi Brown and Maghnild Jeppesen, both of Shelby; and

11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home. Pastor Joseph Wahlin of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will officiate.

The family suggests memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Box 2802, Great Falls, Montana 59403.

EVA RUTH FUGLE

Born: ?, 1910 - Died: August 22, 1983

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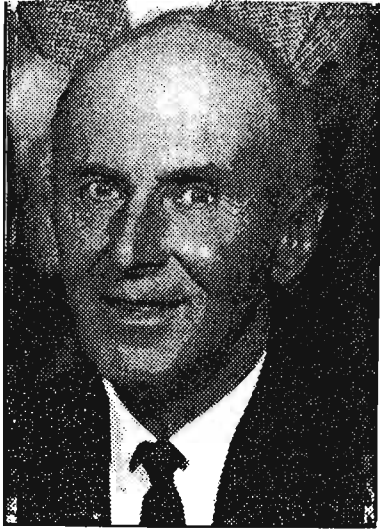
August 25, 1983

Funeral held for Eva Fugle, 71

Eva Ruth Fugle, 71, died Tuesday at a Great Falls hospital after a long illness. Funeral services directed by Burns Funeral Home were Friday at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery. She was born at Snohomish, Washington, and came to Cut Bank in 1928. She was married May 9, 1929, to Donald P. Fugle at Shelby. Survivors include her husband; daughters, Betty Grimm, Gloria Quenser and Shirley Halvorson, and sons, Donald G., Melvin and Norman, all of Cut Bank, 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and a brother, George DeZort.

EMANUEL FREDERICK GABBERT

Born: September 15, 1914 - Died: September 4, 1983



Funeral held Thursday for Emanuel Gabbert

Emanuel Frederick Gabbert was born on September 15th, 1914 in Marshall, Minnesota. He was one of seven children born to August and Alma (Stage) Gabbert. As a child he went with his family to the Hankinson, North Dakota community, where he attended schools through the 8th grade. He was confirmed Lutheran in 1928. Following his education, Emanuel worked on the farm with his family. He helped Herman Swan on a mail route and was later employed on the Frank Liska farm. In April of 1942 Emanuel entered the U.S. Army. While in the military he served at Normandy in northern France, at Rhineland, and in central Europe. He achieved the rank of Tec-5 and was honorably discharged in October of 1945. He returned to Chester. On April 3rd, 1947 he married Anna Sneider in Great Falls. They have made their home here since. Emanuel worked for the county for a short while, then worked on the George Mattson farm, then returned to work for Liberty County again. He had also driven school bus for Burnham Murray for a number of years. Emanuel retired 6 years ago at the age of 62. He has done odd jobs around town for various senior citizens since that time. About a year ago his health

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began to fail. Following a short stay at the Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital in Helena, he died on the evening of Sunday, September 4th. He was 68 years old.

Emanuel held a lifetime membership in the Chester V.F.W. Post #3997. He was also a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had been active in the Chester Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance crew for many years. He was a very patriotic and proud man, and this was exemplified over the years when he marched in community military parades, served in firing squads at funerals and Memorial Day celebrations, taught flag etiquette to school children, and served many years as a Boy

Scout leader. In his younger years he enjoyed ice skating and baseball, and he used to play a guitar. When his children were in school, he followed the sports program and other school activities. He enjoyed cooking, and especially liked camping and picnicking. Following his retirement, he liked to travel, especially when hunting and fishing were involved in the trip! Emanuel had been a "rockhound" for many years, collecting everything from unusual stones to Indian artifacts. Many pieces of his handmade rock jewelry are owned by friends and relatives around the country. Emanuel was a very "outdoorsy" person; he loved the prairie and the smell of sagebrush. Since his retirement he has kept himself busy in his yard with a beautiful flower bed, and he was especially fond of gladiolas. In his quiet hours he enjoyed reading nature and scientific magazines like National Geographic. He was a loyal family man and friend.

Survivors include his wife, Anna of Chester; 3 daughters, Diana Gabbert of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Darryl (Doneta) Miller of Sidney, and Mrs. Tom (Debra) Tillo of Helena; 1 son and daughter-in-law, Donald

and Peggy of Yakima, Washington; 5 grandchildren; 1 brother, Albert Gabbert of Woodlake, Minnesota; 1 sister, Elsie Feldman of Kindred, North Dakota; 1 nephew; and 2 nieces. Emanuel was preceded in death by his parents, by a daughter (Katherine), by 3 brothers (August, Edward, and Alfred), and by 1 sister (Ruth).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 8th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Special music by Wayne Wardell and Merna Kolstad included "Rock of Ages" and "How Great Thou Art." Friends serving as pallbearers were Wilbur and Howard Eveland, Lawrence Frederickson, Quannah Bailey, Bob Aitken, and Harry Heimbigner (Jr.). Ushers were Cliff Hanson and Don Pulst. Memorial bearers included the Chester Volunteer Firemen, past and present. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites by the V.F.W. and American Legion. A luncheon followed graveside services at the church. Funeral arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

LURA SHAFER GESSAMAN
Born: ? 1895 - Died : February 22, 1983
Liberty County Times
March 3, 1983

Funeral held for Lura Gessaman

Lura Shafer Gessaman, 88 died February 22 at a Fort Benton hospital. The funeral was Friday at the Benton Funeral Home. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Born at Summerfield, Ohio, she attended schools in that state and graduated from Ohio State University. Then she came to Montana, to visit a brother who had homesteaded in the Fort Benton area. There she met Howard Gessaman.

They were married in 1918. The couple farmed in the area for nearly 30 years. He died in 1947. She moved into Fort Benton in 1973. Survivors include two sons, Donald, Fort Benton, and Paul, Omaha, Nebraska; a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Miriam) Wellman, Fort Benton; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren. Another daughter preceded her in death in 1971.

ELLEN (OTTEM) GUNDERSON
Born: May 25, 1889 - Died: February 24, 1983
Liberty County Times
March 3, 1983



**Services held for
Ellen Gunderson**

Ellen (Ottem) Gunderson was born in Trondjheim, Norway on May 25th, 1889. She was the youngest of 17 children and her parents were Iver and Elén (Evensdtr) Ottem. Ellen came to the United States in her teens with two brothers, and she moved to the Norwich, North Dakota community to live with her sisters. She took a job as a housekeeper with a family there and learned to speak English. She later heard about homesteaders' claims in Montana, so she came here and filed her claim 30 miles north of Chester. It was here that she met George T. Gunderson, and they were married in 1912. They were engaged in farming and cattle ranching on that original homestead until 1940, when George passed away. Ellen remained on the farm until 1957, when she moved to her home in Joplin. She lived there for many years until

moving to the rest home in Chester. Her health these past few years had failed and she had been hospitalized on numerous occasions. Ellen died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on the evening of Thursday, February 24th. She would have been 94 years old this coming May.

Ellen was a charter member of the Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid and was instrumental in the building of the church north of Joplin. She was also a charter member of the Bears Den Home Demonstration Club. Ellen enjoyed the best of life: her family, friends and farm. Fond memories by her grandchildren were her culinary specialties, including lefse, rosettes, pancakes and cherry pie, and it was always a treat at "grandma's" because her cookie jar was always full! In addition she was always concerned for their health; that is, that they were warmly dressed, ate good nutritious food, and were early to bed. Ellen's love for the ranch can best be described by her total involvement in it; she helped with the harvest, with calving, and with every phase of its operation. Her hobbies were many, including knitting, crocheting and reading. She loved to play cards, especially pinochle and whist. Her life was truly blessed, and she knew it and appreciated it...

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Ed (Esther) McClellan of Joplin; 2 daughters-in-law, Josephine of north Chester and Pauline of Homeland, California; 8 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 2 sons (Douglas in 1977 and Edwin in 1978), 16 siblings and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday (March 2nd) at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with Reverend John Olson officiating. Grandson Leonard Gunderson sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Thelma Anderson. The congregation sang one of Ellen's favorite hymns, "Beautiful Savior."

Harold Hodges and Donald Fusk served as ushers. Pallbearers were grandsons Jerry Thorson, Gordon Kaaiakamana, and Dale, Dennis, Donald and Leonard Gunderson. Interment was in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A memorial luncheon followed in Joplin at Kjos Hall.

HENRY "HANK" HALVERSON
Born: July 10, 1897 - Died: June 3, 1983
Liberty County Times
June 9, 1983



HANK HALVERSON

Henry Halverson was born on July 10th, 1897 in McIntosh, Minnesota. He was one of seven children born to William and Mary (Arneson) Halverson. Hank was baptized and confirmed in the Norwegian Lutheran faith. His parents came to Montana in 1910 and homesteaded 17 miles north of Galata. Hank attended the Grandview country school near the farm and later enrolled in the Spokane Business College. He returned to Galata to farm with his folks, and took over the operation in the mid-1930's. Hank married Sylvia Larsen on February 11th, 1939 in the Galata Church. They made their home on the farm and remodelled the original homestead house. Hank has suffered from Parkinson's Disease these past 20 years, so he retired from farming in 1966, although he has remained on the farm with his family. Sylvia died on December 2nd, 1980. Following a hospitalization in April of this year, Hank entered the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester. He died there at noon Friday, June 3rd, at the age of 85 years.

Hank has been a member of the Galata Parish and Brotherhood for many years. Of interest is the fact that not only were he and Sylvia the first couple to be married in the parish, Sylvia was the last funeral in the old church, and now Hank is the first funeral in the new church. Hank was an avid sports fan, and he especially liked basketball and boxing (he is one of the few people still around who saw the famous Dempsey-Gibbons fight in Shelby). Hank was also a great dancer, he liked to play cards, and enjoyed travelling. Although he wasn't outspoken when it came to politics, he was very interested in it. He liked to read, especially histories at the local level. He was noted for his superb "hotcakes", and was a great lover of lundefisk and lefse at holiday time. Hank enjoyed people and always had time to visit. But most of all, he loved his family and his farm....

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Monte Lerum of Galata; 2 grandsons, Dean and David of Galata; a brother, James of Galata; and several nephews and nieces. Hank was preceded in death not only by his parents and wife, but also by 2 brothers (George and Andrew), 3 sisters (Hilda Gredvig, Caroline Jensen and Ella Larsen), and a grandson (Bruce).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 7th, at the Galata Lutheran Church with Reverend Ken Bartle officiating. Hazel Munson provided accompaniment to Carole Hanson, who sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "Amazing Grace". The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Beautiful Savior". Ushers were

Alfred Rosgaard and Dwayne Markuson, and honorary bearers were "all of Hank's friends and relatives". Those men serving as active pallbearers included Dick Kennett, Leo Kolstad, Ray Zelenka, Grant Flage, Hales Scalse and Quinten Larsen. Interment was in the Galata Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A memorial luncheon followed back at the church.

BERTHA (TAPLIN) HEAD
Born: September 26, 1892 - Died : March 2, 1983
Liberty County Times
March 10, 1983

Services held for Bertha Head, 90

Bertha (Taplin) Head passed away March 2, 1983 at a nursing home in Eugene, Oregon at the age of 90 years after a lengthy illness. Bertha and Merritt Head were married in

Chester, March 1915. They lived in Chester a number of years while Merritt worked on the railroad. Later moved to Great Falls and then to Oregon.

She leaves a son, Lowell Head of Eugene, and three sisters--Agnes Jury of Springfield, Ore., Annie Williams of Havre, Mont., and Amelia Rubino of Joplin, Mont.

Graveside services were held at the Eugene cemetery March 4. Merritt died in October of 1948.

ARNOLD HEIDEBRECHT
Born: May 24, 1915 - Died : January 24, 1983
Liberty County Times
March 10, 1983

Funeral held for A. Heidebrecht

Funeral services for Arnold Heidebrecht were held January 27 in Beresford, South Dakota.

Arnold N. Heidebrecht was born May 24, 1915 in Chinook, Montana to parents Peter and Bessie A. (Berg) Heidebrecht. He was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church in Chester, where he grew up. After graduation from high school in Chester, he attended college at Havre, Montana.

Arnold was married to Violet Norling November 20, 1937 in Havre. The couple lived in California and Oregon before moving to the Beresford area in 1942. He farmed for 27 years and later went into Motel Management in Beresford and Madison until his retirement in 1975. He entered into death January 24, 1983 at the age of 67 years and 8 months.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one son. Among those who survive and who gratefully shared his life are his wife, Violet of Beresford; three sons, Larry of Beresford, Arnold of Riverside, California and Keith of Sioux City; five daughters, Gloria (Mrs. Marty Zeimetz) of Beresford, Arlene (Mrs. John Fletcher) of Addis, Louisiana, Norma (Mrs. Richard Holthe) of Blue Springs, Missouri, Valerie (Mrs. Richard Smidt) of Sioux Falls, Audrey (Mrs. Rodney Goodwin) of Sioux Falls, his step-mother, Martha Heidebrecht of Fresno, California, one brother, Guy Felton of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; two sisters, Mrs. Roena Steiner of Corvallis, Oregon and Audrey (Mrs. Roy Williams) of Seattle, Washington and twenty-one grandchildren.

FLORENCE H. HEIMBIGNER
Born: October 8, 1895 - Died : February 25, 1983
Liberty County Times
March 3, 1983

Services for F. Heimbigner

Florence H. Heimbigner, 87, of Superior, died of natural causes Friday at Mineral County Hospital.

She was born October 8, 1895, at Marshalltown, Iowa, to John and Iona Shettel. She was raised and attended schools in Marshalltown until the age of 16. She then moved to Chester where she lived until 1952, when she moved to Superior. She married Andy A. Dunbar in Glacier Park. On June 9, 1934, she married Sam Heimbigner.

She was active in the Rebekah Lodge, Royal Neighbors and the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Laura, and two sons, Charlie and John.

Survivors include her husband, Sam, at the family home in Superior; one son, Delbert Heimbigner, Superior; three

daughters, Ruth Warnken, Superior; Luella Schwenke, Kalispell; and Stella Beck, Wendell, Idaho; two brothers, Clarence and Alva Shettel, Chester; three sisters, Alice Heimbigner, Chester; Clara Hadford, Joplin; and Lois Clements, Missoula; 34 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the LDS Church in Superior with Rick Seemann, branch president, officiating. Burial followed in the Superior Cemetery. Livingston-Malletta and Geraghty Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Roy Heimbigner, Donald Heimbigner, Harry Heimbigner Jr., Lyle Hadford, Jim Shettel and Irvin Borst.

MARGARET ANN LYDERS HENDRICKSON

Born: December 12, 1917 - Died: October 15, 1983

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October 20, 1983

Funeral held for Margaret Hendrickson

Margaret Ann Lyders was born in Chester, Montana on December 12th, 1917. Her parents, Anna Amelia Swenson and Martin H. Lyders, had come to Montana in 1913. They helped form the first Lutheran congregation here, so Margaret has been actively involved in the church since childhood. She attended schools in Chester and graduated from C.H.S. in 1935. While in school, she was an avid basketball fan and participant. In the two years following high school, she worked as a clerk in the courthouse. On October 27th, 1937 she married Lloyd Hendrickson in Chester. For those first five years of married life, they lived in Seattle where Lloyd worked in the auto body business. They returned to Montana in 1942 and took over the family farm located southwest of Chester. They have lived and worked in the Chester community since that time, except for recent years when they wintered in Desert Hot Springs, California. Margaret has spent considerable time in hospitals these past several months. She died on the evening of Saturday, October 15th, at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. She was 65 years old.

Margaret was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the A.L.C.W. Her favorite recreational activities were water sports, especially boating and swimming. She was an excellent swimmer and did a lot of it for healthy enjoyment in California. Her hobbies were cooking and sewing, both of which she was extremely good at. Her greatest love was her family, and she was known to them as "Gramma Bug". Margaret had a happy 46 years with her loyal companion and friend, Lloyd...

Survivors in addition to her husband are son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Betty of Chester; 3 grandchildren, Larry and wife Janice of Chester and Dean of Carroll College in Helena; 1 great-granddaughter, Christi; 2 sisters, Mrs. A. C. (Lucille) Kammerzell of Lakeside and Mrs. Roy (Jean) Breisacker of Los Alamos, California; 2 brothers, Dale Lyders of Chester and Verne Lyders of Seattle; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Margaret was preceded in death by her father in 1954, her mother in 1977, and a sister (Eileen) in 1938.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, October 18th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Reverend Wayne Bungum officiating. Pianist was Meredith Anderson and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art". Two vocal numbers included "Mansion on a Hilltop" by grandson Dean and "Old Rugged Cross" by Wayne Wardell. Ushers were nephews, Marty Lyders and Gordon Kammerzell. Friends serving as pallbearers included Herb Fenger, John Swank, Armand Anderson, George Braun, Martin Haugen and Cliff Leighton. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a memorial luncheon at the church. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel. Undesignated memorials will be given to the National Arthritis Foundation.

HARROLD E. HENRY

Born: January 9, 1909 - Died: February 16, 1983

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February 24, 1983



Funeral held Harrold Henry

Harrold E. Henry was born on the family homestead located 22 miles north of Galata, Montana. The date of his birth was January 9th, 1909. Harrold's parents were Frank and Mary (Neiring) Henry and he was the only son of four children. In his youth he attended the Grandview Country School located 8 miles from the farm, and he finished his education at Galata High School, graduating in 1928. Harrold then returned to the homestead where he farmed and ranched with his parents. His father, who served as a Toole County Commissioner for 18 years, died in 1951. Harrold remained on the farm and cared for his mother until her death in 1968. On September 15th, 1977 he married Annette Ambuehl Fenger at the Trinity Church north of Lothair. They have made their home together on the farm since that time. Harrold's health this past year had failed and he was hospitalized several times. On the afternoon of Wednesday, February 16th, he died at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester. He was 74 years old.

Harrold can best be described as a basic Montana "cowboy". He grew up on a ranch where sheep and cattle were herded by horseback. The work was hard and the hours were long, yet he was dedicated to this lifestyle. He loved the outdoors and nature, including the simplicity of a wild prairie flower to the challenge of delivering a newborn calf. In those many years of bachelorhood he learned to be a good cook, and his specialty was homemade potato soup and biscuits. In his younger years, Harrold enjoyed fishing. Since his marriage to

Annette they have done some travelling, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Harrold's memberships included the Montana Grain and Stockgrower's Association and the Galata Masonic Lodge #106. He was an animal lover and cared especially for dogs, and at the time of his death had a loyal pet dog named "Fanny."

Survivors include his wife, Annette of Galata; 4 step-children, Mrs. Rick (Nita) Tomscheck of Ethridge and Fred, Wes and Tim Fenger, all of Galata; 3 sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Dorothy) Adams, Mrs. Jess (Ada Flo) Blair and Mrs. Byrl (Myrtle) Johannsen, all of Shelby; 2 granddaughters, Jennifer and Sandy Tomscheck; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at the Community United Methodist Church on Saturday morning (February 19th) with Reverends Ken Bartle and Grover Briggs officiating. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Laila Lindberg. Pallbearers were Joel and Gerald Fenger, Duane Markuson, Tom Ambuehl, Steve Scalse and Monte Lerum. Memorial bearers included "all of Harrold's friends and neighbors" and ushers were Dale Muncy and Brad Tomscheck. Interment followed in Shelby at the

Mountainview Cemetery with rites by Masonic Lodge #106, involving members Claude Demarest, Tom Scalse, Sever Bre-vick and Nelson Bingham. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel in Chester. A luncheon was given by the Galata ladies at the church following graveside services.

JACOB D. HOFER

Born: August 25, 1903 - Died: June 2, 1983

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June 9, 1983



JACOB HOFER

Jacob D. Hofer was born at Freeman, South Dakota on August 25th, 1903. Jacob was one of eleven children born to David R. Hofer and Rachel Walter. He grew up and was educated in South Dakota. In 1918 the Hofer family moved to a farm near Raley, Alberta. He was married in Raley to Elizabeth Hofer on March 15th, 1931. They continued farming there until 1944, when they moved to Sterling to another farming operation. It was in 1952 that they came to Montana and purchased a farm and ranch near the Sweetgrass Hills north of Chester. They have lived and worked in the Chester community since. For the past several years Jacob has suffered from a heart ailment. He died at the Toole County Hospital in Shelby on the afternoon of Thursday, June 2nd. He was 79 years old.

Jacob was a loyal husband and dedicated father; his family always came first. He was a hard worker and his farm was the love of his life. In his youth he enjoyed wrestling, and in later years he liked to hunt. Jacob had an excellent sense of humor and always had time for a good joke and a good laugh.

He loved to visit with people - anyone at anytime - therefore, no one was a stranger to him. And he never passed up an opportunity to witness to other people about the Lord. Jacob read his Bible on a daily basis and loved to sing songs of praise to Christ. He was a man of good judgement and common sense, and passed this wisdom on to his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth of north Chester; 7 sons, Herb of Chester, Dr. Jack of Upland, California, Peter of Chester, Joseph of Pasco, Washington, Edward of Chester, Marvin of Chester, and John of Chester; 2 brothers, David of Coutts, Alberta and Walter of Lethbridge; 4 sisters, Mary Hofer of Pincher Creek, Barbara Walter of Pincher Creek, Kay Hofer of Pasco, Washington, and Elizabeth Mandel of Pincher Creek; 14 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. Jacob was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 daughters (Katherine and Elizabeth), by 1 brother (George), and by 3 sisters (Rebecca, Rachel and Anna).

Funeral arrangements were handled by Rockman Chapel, Chester. A visitation was held in Chester on Saturday, June 4th. The remains were taken to Lethbridge, Alberta on Sunday where an open prayer service was held from 7-9 p.m. at the Martin Brothers Memorial

Chapel that evening. On Monday, June 6th, the funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. at the Rocky View Mennonite Church near Pincher Creek. The services were officiated by Reverend Clarence J. Ramer and Reverend Eli Walter. Pallbearers were Jim, Curtis, Kirby, Timothy and Matthew Hofer and Phillip and John Walter. Interment was in the Hutterian Fellowship Cemetery, located 9 miles east of Pincher Creek. A memorial luncheon was held at the Rocky View Church following graveside services.

Memorials may be given to Reachout Ministries, Box 97, Great Falls, Montana 59403.

WILLIAM F. HUNNEWELL

Born: ?, 1885 - Died: February 4, 1983

Liberty County Times

February 10, 1983

**William
Hunnewell dies
in Gt. Falls**

William F. Hunnewell, 98, a former Great Falls resident and an acquaintance of artist C. M. Russell, died at his home at Olney, near Whitefish, Friday.

Hunnewell was born at Truly near Great Falls. When he was young, family members said, he broke horses with Charlie Russell. Several Russell sketches he owned were lost in a fire years later.

Later he worked for the railroad out of Great Falls and he rode in rodeos until 1930. He married Ida Barsby in 1928 in Great Falls.

They moved to Olney in 1936 where he worked as a logger. In 1944 he returned to the Great Northern Railway, retiring in 1956. For many years Hunnewell played violin at dances.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Jim Hunnewell, Whitefish; two daughters, Bessie Ingrahm and Elsie Gress, Olney; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Grace Fitzpatrick of Billings.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Austin Funeral Home, Whitefish, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

FRANK J. JURENKA
Born: ?, 1889 - Died : August 12, 1983
Liberty County Times
August 18, 1983

Funeral held for Frank Jurenka

Frank J. Jurenka, 94, died Tuesday in the Chester hospital. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham with burial in Hingham Cemetery. Rosary was recited Friday evening at the church. He was born in Czechoslovakia in 1889 and came to the United States in 1907. In 1912, he homesteaded 18 miles north of Hingham where he farmed and lived the rest of his life. During World War I, he served as a wagoneer for the U.S. Army in Europe. After the war, he married Frances Pecinovsky on November 28, 1921. She preceded him in death. He is survived by son Virgil of Hingham; daughters Helen Morrison of Polson and Marietta Ramberg of Joplin; sister Betty Matysova of Czechoslovakia; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre was in charge of arrangements.

PEARL AGNES SULLIVAN KEITH

Born: March 7, 1894 - Died: August 28, 1983

Liberty County Times

September 8, 1983

Funeral held for Pearl Keith, 89



Pearl Agnes Sullivan was born in Troy, Idaho on March 7th, 1894. She was the only daughter of three children born to Charles & Lucinda Sullivan. Pearl attended schools in Troy, and following high school graduation she attended the Blair Business College (now known as Kinman) in Spokane, Washington. She came to Montana with her family in 1912, and they homesteaded north of Chester. The Keith family were also homesteaders, and their farm was just north of Sullivan's. It was by chance that Pearl met her husband-to-be, Richard Thomas "Dodds" Keith, at a waterhole near their farms. They were married on June 26th, 1913 at the Spring Coulee Ranch north of Chester. Of interest was the fact that it had rained heavily on their wedding day and it was too muddy for people to get home, so they danced all night long at the Ranch. Hilda Smith, who still lives in Chester, stood up for them at their wedding.

They lived and ranched on the original Keith homestead until 1954, then sold the place to Ken Tempel. In addition, Dodds was elected as Liberty County Sheriff in 1926, and he kept that job until his retirement in 1962. At that time they moved to Great Falls, where they lived at 1621 - 1st Avenue North. After 66 years of marriage, Dodds died in Great Falls on May 22nd, 1979. Pearl has lived alone since, although has kept in contact with her many friends in the Chester community. Pearl's health had slowly deteriorated this past year, and on Sunday evening (August 28th) she died at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. She was 89 years old.

While living in Chester, Pearl had been active in the Methodist Church and Ladies Circle. She was a past matron of the Eastern Star, Joplin Chapter #109. After their move to Great Falls, she became a member of the Daughters of the Nile and White Shrine. She and Dodds

were also members of the Meadowlark Country Club in Great Falls. Pearl loved her home, and was a wonderful cook and housekeeper. For hobbies she collected cut glass and antique dishes. She always had a nice flower garden and enjoyed knitting (in fact, she had knitted many sweaters for the Red Cross during the war years). She was very good at ceramics and china painting, and enjoyed watching or listening to a good baseball game. In those early years on the farm, she helped her mother-in-law deliver many babies in this area. Because of her great love for animals, a memorial fund will be established to the Great Falls Humane Society.

Pearl is survived by a son, Dean of Olympia, Washington; a daughter, Peggy Wiley of Great Falls, a grandson, Dodds Keith Wiley of Great Falls; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter (Kathryn), and by her 2 brothers (Samuel and Twain).

Funeral services for Pearl were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 31st, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Bill Mullette of the Chester United Methodist Church officiated. Sue Violet, accompanied by Peggy Wiley, sang two of Pearl's favorite humns, "Softly and Tenderly" and "In the Garden." Pearl had requested cremation, and her remains were interred next to Dodds in the family plot at the Chester Cemetery.

LILLIAN ANNA KINGSTON

Born: November 13, 1891 - Died: November 12, 1983

Liberty County Times

November 24, 1983

Rites for Lillian Kingston Nov. 16

Lillian Anna Kingston was born on November 13th, 1891 in Dallas, Texas. Her parents were W.H. Christensen and Cerelda Brothers, and she was the eldest of four children. Lillian grew up in Dallas and Kansas City, Missouri. Following her high school graduation in Kansas City, she attended a business college and studied bookkeeping. She met and married a young lawyer named John Herring and they made their home in Glenrose, Texas. After John died unexpectedly, Lillian moved to Montana to be with her parents, who had homesteaded in the Valier community. It was in Valier that she met her second husband, Joseph W. Kingston. They were married in Valier on November 11th, 1916. They made their home in Valier, where Joseph farmed and operated the Kingston Coal Mines. Joseph died in September of 1966. Lillian remained in Valier until 1973, and has since lived intermittently with her daughters. At the time of her death, she was living in Chester with her daughter, Libby. She died peacefully on Saturday, November 12th, the eve of her 92nd birthday.

Lillian had been a member of the United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary in Valier. She had always been interested in community activities and affairs, but following a broken hip in 1962 she was essentially confined to home. She had a great love for her nine children and was kept very busy over the years raising them. In her younger

years she kept her green thumb busy in a nice flower garden. In her quiet hours she enjoyed reading. In these later years she loved to listen to music, and especially enjoyed hymns. Lillian was a gentle person and was very fond of cats. She was also appreciative of life in general and remained happy until her death.

Survivors include 2 sons, James P. Kingston and John A. Kingston, both of Great Falls; 6 daughters, Mrs. Jacob (Helen) Johnson of Valier, Mrs. Darby (Elizabeth) O'Brien of Chester, Mrs. Olaf (Lillian) Borge of Great Falls, Mrs. Robert (Josephine) Engle of Everett, Washington, Mrs. Mary Jane Stark of Valier, and Mrs. Paul (Evelyn) Johnson of Chester; son-in-law, Robert Arnst of Valier; 31 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren. Lillian was preceded in death not only by her parents and two husbands, but also by a daughter (Janet Arnst), a sister (Lucile), and 2 brothers (Bill and Jim).

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 16th, at the Valier United Methodist Church. The Reverend Hap Piper officiated. The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," accompanied by Leigh Ann Parr on the organ. Vocalist Linda Holden, sang "Saved By Grace - Praise Be To Jesus," "Where The Roses Never Fade," and "The Doxology." Pallbearers were all of Lillian's grandsons, including Jon Kingston, Jack Johnson, Rick O'Brien, Bill Klemm, B.J. Engle, Keith Stark, Joe Stark, Mike Johnson, Art Johnson, Ron Johnson, Rob Johnson, Gary Arnst, and Randy Arnst. Two granddaughters serving as ushers were Debora and Nancy O'Brien. Interment was in the Lakeview Cemetery in Valier, and a luncheon followed at the church fellowship hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

SAMUEL J. A. KLEINSASSER

Born: December 9, 1924 - Died: November 11, 1983

DEBRA S. KLEINSASSER

Born: February 19, 1962 - Died: November 11, 1983

Liberty County Times

November 17, 1983

**Services held for
Kleinsassers**

Funeral services for Samuel Kleinsasser and his daughter, Debra, were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 14th, at the Riverview Hutterite Colony south of Chester. The Kleinsasser's died from injuries following a single vehicle rollover on a country road near the Aden Ward farm south of Chester on the late afternoon of Friday, November 11th.

Samuel J.A. Kleinsasser, age 58, was born on December 9th, 1924 near Mitchell, South Dakota at the Rockport Colony. His parents were Jacob S. Kleinsasser and Anna Hofer. In 1934 they moved to the O.K. Colony at Raymond, Alberta. In 1948 they moved to the Miller Colony near Chouteau. Sam married Anna Waldner on June 8th, 1955. They came to the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester in 1961. In 1980 they moved to the Riverview Colony south of Chester and have lived there since.

Debra S. Kleinsasser, age 21, was born on February 19th, 1962 at the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester. Her parents were Samuel J.A. Kleinsasser and Anna Waldner and she was one of nine children. Debra moved with her family to the Riverview Colony in 1980. She had not yet married.

Sam's survivors include his wife, Anna of Riverview; 1 son, Tim of Riverview; 3 daughters, Barbara Wipf of Riverview, Elsie Wurtz of Sage Creek, and Julia Kleinsasser of Riverview; 2 brothers, Jacob ("Big Jake") of Kingsbury and Peter of Sage Creek; 5 sisters, Susie Wurtz of Riverview, Rachel Wurtz of Bow City (Alberta), Mary Wurtz of Execum (Alberta), Sarah Kleinsasser of Sage Creek, and Rebecca Wurtz of Warner (Alberta); and 2 grandchildren. Sam was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 2 brothers, and 1 sister.

Debra's survivors include her mother, brother, and sisters listed above.

Local arrangements were assisted by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester.

EINAR ADOLPH KLEMETSON
Born: January 5, 1889 - Died: June 10, 1983
Liberty County Times
June 16, 1983



Adolph Klemetson

Einar Adolph Klemetson was born in Ulen, Minnesota on January 5th, 1889. He was a twin-brother to Martin and one of seven children born to Mathea Sylte and John Klemetson. His parents farmed a relinquished homestead in rural Ulen, so Adolph attended country schools there through the 8th grade. He was baptized and confirmed at the Atlanta Lutheran Church. In 1912 he came to Montana with other Minnesota friends and homesteaded in the Black Coulee community 16 miles south of Rudyard. He farmed there until the mid-1960's, when he retired and moved into Rudyard. He maintained his own home in Rudyard until June of 1981, when he moved to the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester. Adolph died in Chester on Friday morning, June 10th, at the age of 94 years.

Adolph was a charter member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard. He was also a member of the Farmer's Union and had been active in the Rudyard Senior Citizen's group. In his youth he played in a country band. He enjoyed travelling, and most of his trips were between Montana and Minnesota. In later years he liked to read and play pool and cards. At home in Rudyard he kept himself busy in his yard and was very proud of his hedges, trees and strawberry patch. After he sold his farm he donated monies to a scholarship program at Concordia College in Moorehead, Minnesota, and his memory will continue to live on through these generous contributions.

Adolph never married. Survivors include a sister, Esther Twedt of Hingham; a brother, Gustav Klemetson of Ulen (Minnesota); and many nephews and nieces. Adolph was preceded in death by his parents, by 1 sister (Anna Dedic), and by 3 brothers (Chris, Martin and Joseph).

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 13th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Greg Kaiser officiating. Special organ renditions were provided by Stanleigh Barbie. Vocalist, Mike Stevenson, performed "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "Abide With Me". Pallbearers included Justin and Marlin Klemetson, Ron Petrick and Lowell, Allen and Lyle Twedt. Memorial bearers included Adolph's many friends at the Rudyard Senior Citizen's Center. Interment was in the Rudyard Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel, Chester. Memorial gifts will be given to the Rudyard Lutheran Church and the Chester Nursing Home.

AGNES C. KNOPEs
Born: ?, 1907 - Died : January 16, 1983
Liberty County Times
January 20, 1983

Funeral held for Agnes Knopes, 76

Agnes C. Knopes, 76, died Sunday at a Havre hospital. Funeral will be 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First Lutheran Church in Havre. Burial will follow in Havre's Highland Cemetery. Born at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, she came with her parents to Montana, where the family homesteaded near Gildford. She was educated in the Gildford area. In 1926, she married Fred T. Knopes in Havre. Survivors include her husband, Havre; a daughter, Mrs. Betty R. Peterson, Great Falls; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Carl (Gladys) Lee, Gildford, and Mrs. Leo (Lois) Kraft, Havre; three brothers, Francis Sandy, Havre; Kenneth Sandy, Shelby, and George Sandy, Lodi, California.

BLANCHE MATHILDA LAKE

Born: October 2, 1891 - Died: July 18, 1983

Liberty County Times
July 28, 1983



Blanche Mathilda Lake was born in Halstad, Minnesota on October 2nd, 1891. Her parents were Gust and Anne (Nordness) Lake, and she was one of five children. Blanche was baptized and confirmed Lutheran and attended schools in Ulen, Minnesota. At age 17 she went to Chicago where she attended seamstress school for approximately 2 years. In 1913 her family filed homestead claims in Montana and they came here the following year to "prove up" the claims. Blanche's homestead was located 32 miles north of Joplin. Those early years were tough, so she worked various jobs along the hi-line to keep the homestead going; she worked as a waitress at the Park Hotel in Hingham, she was employed in several homes as a housekeeper, and served as a chamber maid at the old Chinook Hotel. In 1915 Blanche helped manage the Plant Restaurant in Joplin. Her father died in 1927, so she and brother George continued the farming/ranching operations. Her mother died in 1952 and Blanche continued to farm until 1963 when she sold the place to Bob. Since that time she has lived and maintained her own home in Joplin. She has been very

active these past 20 years, either with hobbies or club involvements. She was a member of Bethel Church and the ALCW, and seldom missed Tuesday quilting days at the church. Blanche was a long-time member of the Chester V.F.W. Auxiliary, the Liberty County Democrats, and the Hospital Guild. More recently she was involved in the W.I.F.E. organization where she had served as the recorder and scrapbook historian. She had been featured in the W.I.F.E. magazine as the oldest member in the chapter. Blanche was also involved in Senior Citizen's activities and was chosen as the Liberty County "Wheat Queen" in the 1979 Harvest Festival. Her patchwork and sewing talents were well-known. She also enjoyed gardening and flowers. Blanche loved children and she loved to visit. Her secret to a long life was not to dwell on the past, but to look at the future....and that was why she was always willing to "get out and go" whenever she had the chance. In fact, just the week before her death she was at a Democratic meeting where she fell and broke her hip. She died at the Chester Hospital on Monday morning, July 18th, at the age of 91 years.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Judy of Joplin; 3 grandchildren, Jim of Valier, Crystal of Missoula, and Robin of Spokane; 1 great-grandson Travis; and numerous cousins. Blanche was

preceded in death not only by her parents, but by 1 sister (Pearl) and 3 brothers (Hjalmer, Martin, and George).

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Church on Saturday morning, July 23rd, with Reverend John N. Olson officiating. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross," "Nearer My God To Thee," and "In the Garden," with accompaniment by Thelma Anderson. Ushers were Frank Meldrum and Harley Rudolph. Pallbearers included Albert Gifford, David James, Errol Fossen, Jack Nelson, Robert Turner, and Rodney Svenson. Burial was in the Joplin Cemetery with special rites by the V.F.W. Auxiliary Post #3997. Funeral arrangements were by the Rockman Chapel. Following committal services, a fellowship luncheon was held for family and friends at Kjos Hall.

CARL V. LAKE
Born: ?, 1910 - Died: October 15, 1983
Liberty County Times
October 20, 1983

Funeral held for Carl Lake, 73

Carl V. Lake, 73, died Saturday in a Havre hospital. Services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Gildford Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Gildford Cemetery. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home, Havre, handled arrangements. Born at Culbertson, he had farmed for many years north of Gildford before his retirement. Lake never married. Surviving are a sister, Lillian Fladager, Santa Clara, California, and a niece, Marilyn Dees, Havre.

BRADLEY DEAN LANCASTER

Born: May 25, 1983 - Died: September 15, 1983

Liberty County Times

September 22, 1983

S.I.D.S. claims Lancaster baby

Bradley Dean Lancaster was born at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester on May 25th, 1983. His parents were Tracie L. Wolfe and Ronald G. Lancaster. Since birth, Bradley has lived with his mother, who has worked as a receptionist at the local hospital. Tracie found Brad unresponsive on the early morning of Thursday, September 15th. He was taken to the Chester Hospital emergency room where resuscitative measures were to no avail. Brad was just 3 months, 21 days young. An autopsy revealed the cause of death to be S.I.D.S. (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), which is a natural yet unexplained process that afflicts children ages newborn to one year.

Survivors include mother, Tracie of Chester; father, Ron of Havre; maternal grandparents, Dean and Fay Wolfe of Chester; paternal grandmother, Mary Lancaster of Sterling, Colorado; maternal great-grandparents, Josie Wolfe and Ben and Neva Heimbigner, all of Chester; 3 aunts; 3 uncles; and numerous cousins.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, September 17th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Wayne Bungum of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiated. Special vocal music by John and Ann Seidlitz included "I Believe In The Sun".

Interment followed in the Erickson Cemetery, located 14½ miles south of Chester. A memorial luncheon was given by friends at the Roger Wolfe residence.

BRADLEY DEAN LANCASTER

Date of Birth	Date of Death
May 25, 1983	Sept. 15, 1983

Age: 3 months, 21 days

Family services: 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 17th, Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester

Officiant: Reverend Wayne Bungum

Special music: John & Ann Seidlitz

Interment: Erickson Cemetery, south of Chester

Survivors: Mother, Tracie; father, Ron; maternal grandparents, Dean & Fay Wolfe; paternal grandmother, Mary Lancaster; maternal great-grandparents, Ben & Neva Heimbigner and Josie Wolfe; 3 aunts; 3 uncles; and numerous cousins....



ALICE MARIE LANGEL
Born: June 4, 1904 - Died: February 12, 1983
Liberty County Times
February 17, 1977



**Funeral held
for Alice Langel**

Alice Marie Langel was born in Lewiston, Idaho on June 4th, 1904. She came from a large family, being one of 16 children. Her parents were Timothy and Mary Jane (Bennett) Hartnett. Alice was educated in Idaho, and following high school she attended the Lewistown Normal College where she received a teacher's certificate. In the subsequent years she taught school in Idaho, then came to Montana in the early 1940's. It was in 1945 that she ran a restaurant in Rudyard with Evan and Elaine Narestad, and it was there that she met her husband-to-be. Alice taught school in Valier and Joplin during the next few years. On July 27th, 1947 she married Robert F. Langel in Weiser, Idaho. They made their home in Rudyard for the rest of their married life. In 1965 Alice was found to have Alzheimer's Disease, so she has spent much of

the time since then in-and-out of hospitals and nursing homes. Locally, she had lived at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in Havre and the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester. Alice died at the Chester Rest Home on the early morning of Saturday, February 12th, at the age of 78 years.

In her healthy years Alice was an avid reader and writer. She was a "student of the Bible" and especially enjoyed leading Bible study at the Methodist women's group in Inverness. As a hobby she liked gardening activities, but her great love was entertaining friends and relatives.

Survivors include her husband, Bob of Rudyard; 6 brothers, Emmett, Gorton, Vern, and Richard Hartnett, all of Weiser, Idaho, Jack Hartnett of Emmett, Idaho, and Edward Hartnett of Arcadia, California; 2 sisters, Ann Hampton of Lewiston, Idaho and Jill Sheil of San Diego, California; and many nephews and nieces. Alice was preceded in death by her parents, by 4 brothers (including Donald, Dennis, Maurice, and Lewis), and by 3 sisters (including Marguerite, Elizabeth, and Betty).

Funeral services were held at the Thomason Funeral Home in Weiser, Idaho on Tuesday, February 15th, at 2:00 p.m. Burial was in the family plot at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser. Local funeral arrangements were handled by the Rockman Chapel in Chester.

LLOYD R. LAUGHNAN
Born: ?, 1927 - Died: November 27, 1983
Liberty County Times
December 1, 1983

Funeral held for Lloyd Laughnan

Lloyd R. Laughnan, 56, died Saturday in a Havre hospital following an illness. Rosary was recited Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre with burial in Highland Cemetery. Born in Havre, he attended schools in Kremlin and entered the Navy after graduation in 1945. Upon discharge, he entered a farming operation with his father. He continued farming until the time of his death. He married Dolores Davis at Havre in 1949. For the past two years he had been president of the board of directors for the Farmers Union Oil Co. of Kremlin. Survivors include his wife, Havre; two children, Laurie Nordrum, Gildford, and Michael, Havre; a sister, Eileen LaBelle, Columbia Falls; two brothers, Louie, Oxford, Maine, and Woody, Fresno, California; two grandchildren.

ANNA L. LINCOLN
Born: ?, 1890 - Died: August 16, 1983
Liberty County Times
August 18, 1983

Funeral held Friday for Anna Lincoln

Anna L. Lincoln, 93, died in a Shelby rest home Tuesday. Services were at 11 a.m. Friday at St. William Catholic Church in Shelby, followed by burial in the Mountainview Cemetery

here. She was born in Trapp-leau County, Wisconsin. She left Wisconsin at age 18 and worked in several Northwest states. She at one time worked in the Sullivan Hotel in Shelby. In 1912 she homesteaded 13 miles south of Inverness. In 1915 she married Fred Lincoln, who had homesteaded north of Joplin. They had six children, all of whom survive, including Raymond and Albert in Joplin; Charlie in Shelby; two daughters out of state, and Lottie Bourdeau in Great Falls.

In 1946 she moved to Shelby, where she was engaged in farming with her son Charlie on the Marias River. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Burns Funeral Home in Shelby is handling arrangements.

ELMER LINDSTROM
Born: October 20, 1908 - Died: April 25, 1983
Liberty County Times
May 5, 1983

Funeral held for Elmer Lindstrom

Elmer Lindstrom, 74, a well known business man in this area for many years died April 25 in Kalispell and funeral Mass took place at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre.

He was born October 20, 1908 in Chicago and moved with his parents to the Kremlin area where they homesteaded in 1912.

Mr. Lindstrom attended the Lindstrom School and graduated from Big Sandy High School. He attended Northern Montana College.

He was married to Monica Gehlen, October 19, 1932 in Havre.

In 1936 he went to work for Eddy Bakery and became the Hillina area manager for the bakery working for the company 21 years.

In 1957 Mr. Lindstrom went with the Citizens Bank of Montana as loan officer and in 1963 was made president of Farmers-Merchants Bank at Rudyard. Mr. Lindstrom became president of the Liberty Bank of Chester in 1965. He returned to the Citizens Bank in Havre working at the bank until 1978.

After retiring the Lindstroms moved to Lakeside.

Mr. Lindstrom is survived by his wife, Monica, Lakeside; daughters, Mrs. R. Ivan (Jean) Hicks, Pawling, N.Y. and Mrs. John W. (Rita) Kiser, Jr. Statesville, N.C.; a son, Robert E. Lindstrom, Baker; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; brothers, Harold, Spokane and Stanley, Bellevue, Washington and a sister, Mrs. Merrill (Helen) Opprecht, Chinoook.

A daughter, Mrs. Elaine Hayes preceded him in death in 1981.



Elmer Lindstrom

Mr. Lindstrom was a director of the Montana Bankers Association, and also was a director of the Liberty Bank of Montana.

He was a lifetime member of the BPO Elks, a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club.

Pallbearers were Clarence Patrick, A.C. Kammerzell, Robert Dauwalder, Kenneth Heen, Emmers Berg and Kenneth Mahle.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandsons Robert Lindstrom, Steven Lindstrom, Doug Lindstrom, J. Craig Kiser, Gary Hicks, James Hayes and Joseph Hayes.

FRED WALDEMAR MAKI, JR.

Born: November 7, 1929 - Died: July 6, 1983

Liberty County Times

July 14, 1983



Fred Maki, Jr.

Fred Waldemar Maki, Jr. was born on November 7th, 1929 in Stanford, Montana. He was the only child born to Fred Maki, Sr. and Helen Elizabeth Taskila. His family was of Finnish descent and he was raised in the Lutheran faith. Fred grew up and attended schools in Great Falls. In those few years following high school, he worked with his father in a custom-combining business. On November 17th, 1951 he married Theresa Bourque in Edmonton, Alberta. They lived in Great Falls before moving to Missoula where Fred worked in the logging business for 8 years. In the 1960's they worked in the construction and trucking business throughout Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota. They came to Chester in 1969 where Fred hauled gravel on the Tiber Dam project. They have lived in Chester since. Fred had his own trucks and did contract hauling until disability forced his retirement about a year ago. Following a short stay at the Liberty County Hospital in Chester, Fred died on the evening of Wednesday, July 6th, at the age of 53 years.

Fred was initiated into the Masonic Order at Fordville, North Dakota in 1965. He was later active in the Shelby Masons and was a past member of the Conrad Elks Club. For many years he held membership in the Great Falls Team-

sters Local #45. In his younger years he liked to fish and hunt. He wasn't an active sports fan, but did enjoy bowling. Fred was an avid gun collector and liked to shop for antiques. He loved the "great outdoors" and related activities, like camping, boating, motorcycling, and snowmobiling. At one time he had his private pilots' license and had made several cross-country trips with his family. His great love in life was trucks; he knew everything there was to know about them. When it came to music, he enjoyed country western ballads and "truck-driving" songs...

Fred's survivors include his wife, Terry of Chester; daughter, Barbara Reynolds of Great Falls; son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Carolyn of Havre; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Lon Heimbigner of Missoula; 4 grandchildren, including Ryan Reynolds, Megan Maki, and Travis and Chip Heimbigner; his mother, Helen Franklin of Susanville, California; 2 step-sisters, Sandra Miller of Sebastapol, California and Reylene Woods of Susanville, California; 1 step-brother, Tom Franklin of Susanville, California; and numerous nephews and nieces. Fred was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, July 9th, at 11 a.m. at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Wayne Bungum of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiated.

Special vocal and guitar music by Carole Hanson included "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "There's a Gold Mine in the Sky". Pallbearers, were Ed Osland, Les Oakland, Bob Aitken, Jerry Larson, Donny Lassilla and Roy Heimbigner. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery. A luncheon for family and friends followed at the R.N.A. Hall. A memorial fund is being established.

IRA "MAC" MCFADDEN
Born: 7, 1907 - Died: February 13, 1983
Liberty County Times
February 17, 1983

Funeral held for Ira McFadden, 75

Ira "Mac" McFadden, 75, 2212 1st Ave. S., died Sunday in a local hospital after an extended illness.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Holy Family Church. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery. The rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel.

He was born in 1907 at Twin Bridges. He attended schools at Kalispell and later at Inverness where he graduated from high school. He played on the Inverness basketball team that was the state champion in 1927 and 1928. His son, Dean, plays for the Montana Golden Nuggets.

He attended Mohler Barber College in Minneapolis. He was a barber at Gildford. He married LaVern Meyer in 1932 at Hingham. They celebrated their 50th anniversary last year.

They lived in Gildford. Three years later they moved to

Inverness. In 1940 they moved to Harlem, where he worked as a parts man for International Harvester.

In August 1942 they came to Great Falls where he worked for the Phillips Refinery for 31 years. He retired due to ill health in 1973.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, the Elks, the Senior Citizens, and the Argo Lancers.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Duane and Dean, both of Great Falls; four daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Doreen) Palmer, Kalispell; Mrs. Sherman (Donna) Luraas, Great Falls; Mrs. Michael (Dixie) Penwarden, Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Lee (Debbie) Gribovich, Lander, Wyoming; 19 grandchildren; a brother, Dean, Inverness, and a sister, Mrs. Frank (Neta) Marolich, Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Great Falls Tribune

MARY LOU ANNA KENNY MERSINGER

Born: August 18, 1892 - Died: September 16, 1983

Liberty County Times

September 22, 1983

Funeral held for Mary Mersinger



Mary Lou Anna Kenny was born in Monkland, Oregon on August 18th, 1892. She was one of ten children born to Lou Zena Belshe and William Kenny. Mary's father was an Irish immigrant, so she was baptized in the Catholic Church in Wasco, Oregon. Her early education was at the Fairview Country School near Monkland. In 1904 the family headed to Canada via covered wagon, and settled in the Trochu, Alberta community. It was near there that Mary finished her education through grade 8 at the Arthurville School. She remained with her family and helped with the farming operations until 1911, when they moved to northern Idaho. She married Clarence M. Mersinger at Sandpoint on December 16th, 1918. After their marriage, they moved to Sherman County, Oregon, where they lived in the Grass Valley and Moro com-

munities essentially all of their married life. Clarence died in October of 1955. Mary maintained her own home in Moro until the fall of 1981, when she moved to Arizona with her daughter, Clara. In April of 1982 she came to Montana to be with her daughter, Beth. Since July of 1982, she has resided at the Liberty County Rest Home in Chester (Montana). She died there on the afternoon of Friday, September 16th. Mary had just turned 91 years old last month.

Mary enjoyed doing fancywork and was an avid reader, especially when it came to history books. She also liked to read poetry, and had even written some short inspirational poems on occasion. She was a very tender-hearted, caring person, and she was in the height of her glory when she had someone to take care of. She was also very independent and continued to do her own yardwork, even into her late 80's. Her mind remained sharp, as did her penmanship, and in 1975 she began writing some of her memoirs for her family. Only the past three years did her health finally start to fail. She was a very gentle lady and her family can't recall a single occasion where she ever used harsh or abusive words.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. Charles (Beth) Green of Chester and Mrs. David (Clara) Mather of Coeur'd Alene, Idaho; 6 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Mary was preceded in death not only by her parents and husband, but also by her son (Linden in 1976), by 4 brothers (Charles, James, Patrick and John), by 5 sisters (Adeline, Ella, Margaret, Rose and Esther), and by 1 grandchild.

Funeral services were held in Chester at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 20th, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel. The Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated and organ music was provided by Merna Kolstad. A vocal duet by Sue Violett and Wayne Wardell was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". The remains were then forwarded to Moro, Oregon where additional services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 22, at the Moro Community Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Angus Crocker officiated and organ music was provided by Millie Moore. Two songs by Joy Hart included "In the Garden" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Friends serving as pallbearers included Mac Hall, Del Smith, Keith Thompson, Allen Miller, Don DeMoss and Millard Melzer. Honorary bearers were Paul Cyphers, G. Douma, Don Thompson, John Shipley, Theodore Johnston and Lee Belshee. Interment was in the family plot at the Moro City Cemetery and a luncheon followed back at the church...

MORRIS (KIDD) NYGAARD
Born: October 11, 1923 - Died: March 7, 1983
Herald News, Wolf Point, Mt.
March 17, 1983
Liberty County Times
March 17, 1983

Morris "Kidd" Nygaard

Morris "Kidd" Nygaard, 59, died Tuesday at Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point.

He was born Oct. 11, 1923 at Wolf Point, a son of Paul and Margaret Nygaard. He attended Longview country school northwest of Wolf Point and graduated from Wolf Point High School in 1943. He entered the U.S. Army in 1943. After his discharge, he returned to Wolf Point where he farmed with his brother. He married Dona Casey Dec. 31, 1944 at Wolf Point. In 1948, he began his own ranch northwest of Wolf Point where he had lived since.



He was a member of the First Lutheran Church, the National Cattlemen's Assn., the Farm Bureau, and the American Legion as well as being a charter member of the Wolf Point Elks Lodge. He had been a member of the Montana Stockgrowers for 38 years and served on the brand and theft committee for that organization and was Montana Deputy State Stock Inspector for 35 years. Mr. Nygaard loved his horses and his horse-oriented antique collection and a hobby he especially enjoyed was raising buffalo.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Roger; a daughter, Mrs. Stan (Gayle) Scott; his mother, Margaret Nygaard, all of Wolf Point; a brother, Burle of Wolf Point; two sisters, Mrs. Donald (Elaine) Sethre of Wolf Point and Mrs. Robert (Lyla) Pugsley of Chester and three grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday (today) at the First Lutheran Church, the Rev. Kenneth DuVall officiating. Burial will be in the Wolf Point community with Clayton Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

L.C.T. March 17, 1983

Funeral held for

Morris Nygaard, 59

Morris "Kidd" Nygaard, 59, died recently in Wolf Point. Services were held Thursday in the First Lutheran Church. Burial was on the family ranch.

He was a native of Wolf Point and graduated from high school there. He entered the U.S. Army in 1943. He returned to Wolf Point after his discharge and farmed with a brother.

He married Dona Casey in 1944.

He began ranching northwest of Wolf Point in 1948 and had lived there since. He was a Montana deputy stock inspector for 35 years. In recent years he had raised buffalo.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Roger, a daughter, Mrs. Stan (Gayle) Scott, his mother, Mrs. Margaret Nygaard, a brother, Burle, and two sisters, Mrs. Donald Sethre, all of Wolf Point, and Mrs. Robert (Lyla) Pugsley, Chester, and three grandchildren.

PERRY OAKLEY
Born: ?, 1890 - Died: March 15, 1983
Liberty County Times
March 31, 1983

Services held for Perry Oakley, 93

Memorial services for Perry Oakley, the first Liberty County Treasurer, were held in Scottsdale, Arizona Friday, March 19. Memorial services were also held in Superior, Montana, March 25.

Born on a tree farm in Randolph, Nebraska, he spent his early years there and in Honey Creek, and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

He came to what is now Liberty County with the family in the early 1900's by emigrant train and homesteaded south of Chester. With the formation of Liberty County in 1920 he became the first county treasurer. Thereafter he served for several years as county clerk and recorder.

June 27, 1928 he was married to Verna French of Superior, Montana, who was a commercial teacher in Chester. They later moved to Superior and managed a dairy for a number of years.

His wife Verna survives as do three children:

Perry Eugene Oakley of Mo-

ses Lake, Washington; Donna Allen and Verle Jeanette Johnson of Missoula. There are also five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He had six brothers and sisters, all of whom have passed away, but most of whom were well known in the Chester area; Ruth Oakley, Eva Oakley-Witt, Blanche Oakley Hutchinson, Merle Oakley and Leslie Oakley.

Until the past few years when heart and circulatory problems arose, Perry was always very keen of mind and was well versed in government and financial subjects. In the early 20's he wrote a story about our monetary system entitled "What we have and what we should have". One wonders at his keen foresight at that time and age.

Perry passed away in Scottsdale, Arizona on March 15, 1983 at the age of 93. He didn't quite make his wish to live to be 100. Cremation took place and the memorial services were held.

DOW OVERCAST, SR.
Born: ?, 1901 - Died: August 13, 1983
Liberty County Times
August 18, 1983

**Funeral held Tues.
for Dow Overcast, 82**

Dow Overcast, Sr., 82, died Saturday at a Havre hospital. Services were 11 a.m. Tuesday at Edwards Funeral Home in Chinook with burial in the Kuper Memorial Cemetery in Chinook. He was born in Birch Tree, Missouri, and came to the Paradise Valley in 1925. He ranched and farmed in that area for the rest of his life, moving into Chinook in the early 1970's. He married Karleen Waggoner in Chinook in 1922. She survives, along with a son, Dow Overcast Jr.; three daughters, Maurine Brummer of Chinook; Trina Thielman of Chester, and Pat Ragsdale of Tyler, Texas; and 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

JOAN ARLENE KNUTSON PIMLEY

Born: March 7, 1930 - Died: October 30, 1983

Liberty County Times

November 3, 1983

Funeral held for Joan Pimley



Joan Arlene Knutson was born in Havre, Montana on March 7th, 1930. She was one of six children born to J. Kenneth and Christine (Loraas) Knutson. Joan attended elementary schools in Saco and Malta, and graduated from Malta High School in 1949. While in high school, she was active in the music program. She attended Northern Montana College in Havre and received her L.P.N. degree in 1954. On February

13, 1955 she married Jesse Lloyd Pimley in Malta. They made their home north of Joplin where they farmed and ranched. In addition to homemaking, Joan had worked part time as an aide at the local hospital. Jesse died in 1977. Joan maintained interest in the farming operations and also worked at the Chester Clinic for a short while. She has enjoyed her family and life in general these past few years. On Sunday evening, October 30th, she was visiting at the home of Ron and Della Wolery in Joplin when she suddenly collapsed. She was brought to the Liberty County Hospital emergency room where resuscitative measures were to no avail. Joan died at the age of 53 years.

Joan was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and had served on the church council. She was also a past member of the Eastern Star and the Order of Rainbow for Girls. She enjoyed decorating things and was especially talented at decorating cakes, parties, and home projects. Joan loved to make things like ceramics and dollhouse furnishings, and she collected owl paraphernalia. She was an excellent homemaker and cook, and always had a beautiful flower garden. Her interests outside of the home were many, including travelling, shopping, fishing, music and dancing. But most of all, Joan loved to visit and be with family and friends...

Survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. Rick (Debra) Winterrowd of Great Falls and Denise of Havre; 1 son, Jimmy of Joplin; 2 grandchildren, Randi and Phillip; father, Ken Knutson of Malta; 3 sisters, Mrs. Robert (Jeanne) Lund of Lewistown, Mrs. J.W. (Dolores) Campbell of Malta, and Mrs. Lloyd (Shirley) Tribby of Malta; 2 brothers, Jay Knutson of Seattle, Washington and Larry Knutson of Lewistown; mother-in-law, Estella Pimley of Joplin; and numerous nephews and nieces. Joan was preceded in death not only by her husband, but also by her mother in 1982.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 2nd, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Reverend John Olson officiated and Thelma Anderson served as organist. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." Vocalist, Sue Violet sang "Living for Jesus" and "The King is Coming." Pallbearers included Sterling, Wayne and Ron Wolery, Ted and John Tempel and Lloyd Hadford. Ushers were Jim Laird and Olyn Wolery. Interment was in the Joplin Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon followed at Kjos Hall. A memorial fund is being established.

TRUE RAY
Born: February 3, 1896 - Died: May 29, 1983
Liberty County Times
June 9, 1983

**Funeral held for
True Ray**

True Ray was born in Geneva, Indiana on February 3rd, 1896. His parents were Nathan Edgar Ray and Rosalie Jane Kelly, and he was one of seven children. True's mother died in childbirth when he was just 3 years old. He came to Montana in his youth from Adams County, Indiana to be with other family members. He filed a homestead claim 18 miles south of Chester. True worked the farm in the summer months and worked at Chester Trading Company in the winter months. In 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Army after the outbreak of World War I. He served in the battles of Champagne and Argonne and was honorably discharged in 1919. True returned to his farm in Chester and worked a short while as a mail carrier to Whitlash. He also worked for the Buttrey's Corp. in Havre. In 1927 he married Louise Burton, and they made their home in Chester. He sold his original homestead and bought the Gilmore place west of him. In addition to farming he served as Liberty County Treasurer and worked in the AAA (Triple-A) government office. In 1942 he married Esther Hunnewell. They lived in the Chester community during the summer time, and wintered in Deer Park, Washington. They later moved to the San Francisco Bay area and he semi-retired from farming. In 1967 he officially retired and they made their permanent residence in Millbrae, California. True died Sunday morning (May 29th) at home at the age of 87 years.

In his younger years True liked to fish and hunt. In his later years he was an avid golfer and enjoyed reading. While in California, he kept himself busy in his yard with flowers, rock work, and his orange and lemon trees. Just a few years ago he built his own "grandfather" clock. He was proud of the fact that he was a "card-carrying Republican".

Survivors include his wife, Esther of Millbrae; 2 sons, R. Allen of Chester and D. Gene of Los Angeles; 4 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. True was preceded in death by his parents, by his 2 brothers (Roxie and James), and by his 4 sisters (Effie, Edna, Demaris and Margaret).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 3rd, at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Reverend Bill Mullette of the Chester United Methodist Church officiated. Special vocal and guitar music was provided by Carole Hanson. Friends serving as pallbearers included Kenneth Wolfe, Leo Wigen, Delmar Wolfe, Darby O'Brien, Roger Wolfe and Pete Thieltges. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with military rites provided by the Chester V.F.W. and American Legion. A luncheon followed at the Methodist Church.

EDITH (HANSON) REAMS
Born: October 24, 1923 - Died: May 31, 1983
Liberty County Times
September 15, 1983

Services held for Edith Hanson Reams

Edith (Hanson) Reams was born October 24, 1923 at Whitlash, Montana to Chris and Leatha (Morgan) Hanson.

Chee Chee (as her family and friends called her) attended her twelve years of school at Chester graduating in May of 1942. She left Chester one week after graduating for Washington, D.C. where she worked at the Pentagon. Chee Chee attended night classes and became secretary to W. W. Chambers of W. W. Chambers Mortuary of Washington, D.C. In 1953 she left Washington and moved to Seattle, Washington, where she again worked as a secretary.

June 30, 1955 Chee Chee married William W. Reams of Richmond, Virginia in Seattle, Washington, returning to live in Falls Church, Virginia. They later purchased a home in Springfield, Virginia where she lived at the time of her death.

Chee Chee had two children Patricia Joanne and William (Billy).

Chee Chee was a very devoted and active member of her church in prayer groups and with the children of St. Bernadette's Catholic Church and also the Little League groups. She was a devoted mother and lived for her children. Chee Chee passed away Tuesday, May 31st, 1983 at Fairfax Hospital.

Mass was held Friday, June 3rd, 11:00 a.m. at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, Springfield, Virginia. Interment was at Fairfax Memorial Park by DeMaine Springfield Annandale Chapel, Springfield, Virginia.



Chee Chee was preceded in death by her parents and one sister Mary Louise. She is survived by her daughter Patty Jo and son Billy of Springfield, Virginia; two brothers Albert (Anna Mae) and Alfred (Ione) Hanson of Chester, Montana and two sisters Mrs. Edward (Beth) Jensen of Kalispell, Montana and Mrs. James (Beverly) Berg of Aberdeen, Washington and nieces and nephews and cousins.

JAMES MATHEW ROLPH

Born: December 2, 1919 - Died: August 29, 1983

Liberty County Times

October 13, 1983

James Rolph dies in Washington

Funeral for James Mathew Rolph was held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Athena, Oregon.

Rolph, 62, died August 29th in Walla Walla, at the Veterans Hospital. He had lived in Athena for about 38 years.

He was born December 2, 1919, at Joplin, Montana, the son of Herbert and Jessie (Gau) Rolph. He grew up in Joplin, and attended Carroll College at Helena, Montana.

During World War II, he served with the Air Force five years, and was stationed at the Pendleton Air Base during that time.

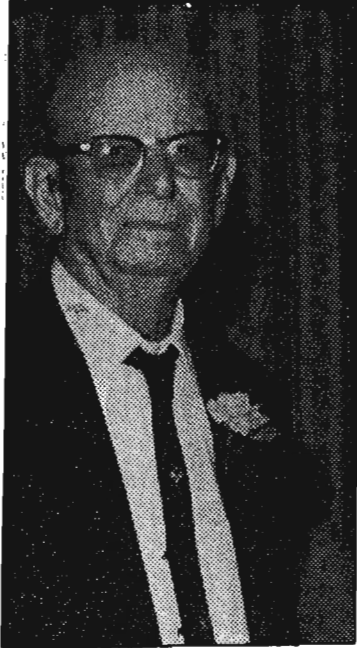
He married Edna Taylor Thompson November 29, 1944. The next year they returned to Athena.

Rolph was a member of the Catholic Church; the Pendleton Elks Lodge 288; the Athena American Legion Post 130; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Thompson Rolph, and stepson Harold Thompson, both at Athena; daughter Arvilla (Mrs. Ken) Quesenberry of Lewiston, Idaho; four sisters: Dolly (Mrs. Charles) Smith of Chester, Montana, Adelaid (Mrs. Frank) Rosick of Bonner, Montana, Bonnie (Mrs. Martin) Hieptas and Mary Luhrs of Portland; brothers Mike of Maupin, and Herbert Jr. of Boring; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Those who wish may contribute to a charity of choice, directly or through Folsom-Bishop Funeral Chapel in Pendleton.

JULIUS LOUIS SCHAEFER
Born: May 17, 1894 - Died: May 16, 1983
Liberty County Times
May 26, 1983



Julius Schaefer

**Funeral held for
Julius Schaefer**

Julius Louis Schaefer was born on May 17th, 1894 in Miami County, Kansas. He was one of eight children. His father was John Fred (William) Schaefer and his mother was Wilhelmine Sievers. Julius grew up on a farm in eastern Kansas and was educated through the 8th grade there. He was married in Fontana, Kansas on January 6th, 1915 to Rosa Jane Miller. They farmed for a short

while in Paola, then moved to Fort Scott where he worked as a special officer for the Frisco Railroad. In the years prior to the depression, he served as undersheriff in Paola and farmed near Fontana. In 1931 they came to Montana to a farm near Lothair. Two years later they bought a farm north of Chester. They spent their leisure hours with their children, visiting neighbors, or attending picnics and baseball games. In 1948 they turned the farm over to their son Melvin, and moved to Whitefish. In 1953 they bought a cherry orchard on the east shore of Flathead Lake. They operated the orchard until their retirement in 1971, when they moved back to Chester to be close to their family. They owned a home in Chester, then moved into the Sweetgrass Lodge shortly after its completion. Because of ill-health, Julius went to the Liberty County Rest Home in March of this year. He died at the Chester Hospital on Monday evening, May 16th, the day before his 89th birthday.

Julius had served as clerk of the board at Fairview School north of Chester and had been a member of the Conrad P.C.A. While in Whitefish, he served as director on the Cherry Association Board. In his younger years he was an avid

baseball fan, liked to hunt, and enjoyed carpenter work. In later years, he and Rosa liked fishing, traveling and camping, gradening and playing cards. His favorite person in his life was his wife, Rosa, and this past January they had celebrated their 68th anniversary together.

Survivors, in addition to Rosa, are daughter and son-in-law, Maxine and Aden Ward of Chester; daughter-in-law, Barbara Schaefer of Chester; 2 sisters, Martha Beckman and Lula Miller, both of Paola, Kansas; 5 grandchildren, including Sharon Seidlitz, Ron Ward, Roger Schaefer, Donald Schaefer and Elayne Wickum; 12 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandsons; and numerous nephews and nieces. Julius was preceded in death by his parents, by 2 sons (Melvin in 1974 and another who died at birth), by his twin-brother (Rudy), and by 4 sisters (Lena, Ida, Annie and Cora).

Funeral services were held Friday, May 20th, at 11 a.m. at the Chester United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Mullette officiating. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Dorothy Brown. Vocalist, Wayne Wardell, sang "In the Garden." Ushers were Earl Keith and Neil Shepherd. Pallbearers included George Mattson, Cliff Lybeck, Alfred Hanson, Arlo Graham, Bob Mattson and Eldon Graff, and honorary bearers were "friends and neighbors." Burial was in the Chester Cemetery, followed by a memorial luncheon at the Sweetgrass Lodge. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel of Chester.

JOSEPH SCHWAN

Born: ?, 1924 - Died: August 18, 1983

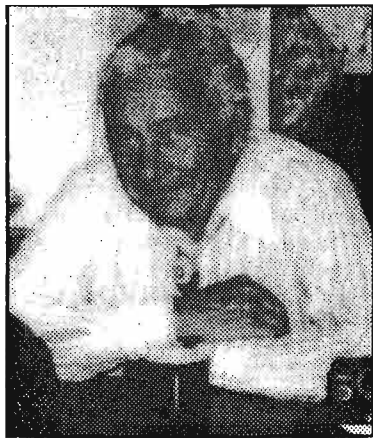
Liberty County Times

August 25, 1983

Funeral held for Joseph Schwan

Joseph Schwan, 59, died Thursday in Tulare, California. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Burial was in Highland Cemetery. He was born at Goldstone, and was raised on a farm near there. He lived and worked on the farm until moving to California about 12 years ago. He never married. He is survived by his mother, Juliana Schwan of Havre; six brothers, Andrew of Rudyard; Jack, Anton and Paul, all of Havre; Frank of Lothair, and Bernard of Renton, Washington; and eight sisters, Eva Falla of Conrad; Mary Hall, Julia Schwan and Pauline Laeupple; all of Havre, Sister Antonita of St. Gabriel, California; Tillie Miller of Tulare, California; Aggie Malarchick of Glendive, and Teresa Houim of Spokane, Washington.

CLARENCE H. SEIBERT
Born: August 23, 1909 - Died : January 6, 1983
Liberty County Times
January 20, 1983



Clarence H. Seibert

**Clarence Seibert
services held**

Clarence H. Seibert, 73, Sugar Loaf Trailer Court, was pronounced dead on arrival Thursday evening, January 6, 1983, at Community Memorial Hospital in Winona, Minnesota.

He was born August 23, 1909, in Washington County, Minnesota, to John and Ann Seibert. He married Grace Growt Peterson November 25, 1936, at St. Paul.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge at Havre, Montana, and the Moose Lodge at Bemidji, Minnesota.

Clarence and Grace moved from Minnesota to Chester in 1959 and he was employed by Harden Bros. Construction and at a later date managed the Joplin Cafe. He had previously owned and operated cafes and hotels in several small towns in Minnesota and Montana. After retirement in 1975, he was employed part-time by the Town of Chester taking care of the city dump. He and his wife, Grace, moved back to Winona, Minnesota, in September, 1982 and planned to spend the winter there.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Clarence J., Chester, Montana; three step-daughters, Mrs. Ellen Olson, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Mrs. Ray (Gladys) Needham, South St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mrs. Robert (Frae) Davies, Springfield, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, and a sister, Irene Seibert, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at Fawcett Funeral Home, Winona, Minnesota, M. L. Allison, First Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona.

Pallbearers were Edwin, Fred, William and Robert Grant, Ray Needham and Clifford Kanz.

MARY CHRISTINE JEPPESEN SEIDLITZ
Born: January 14, 1956 - Died: August 13, 1983

Liberty County Times
August 18, 1983



Mary Christine Jeppesen was born in Chester, Montana on January 14th, 1956. She was the oldest of three children born to K. Grant and Carol (Brown) Jeppesen. Mary was baptized at the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Lothair. She attended the Hill Country School located near the ranch just south of the Sweetgrass Hills, then transferred into Chester during her junior high years. Mary graduated from C.H.S. in 1974. While in high school she was very active in the music program, being a loyal participant in band and chorus. She was an excellent singer, and was a member of Choraliers, Senior Quartette, and the All-State Choir. During her senior year she qualified for the "National Youth in Concert" choir, and this group toured and sang throughout Europe during the summer of 1974. The following year Mary attended Eastern Montana College in Billings. She returned to Chester where she worked as a dispatcher at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office for the next two years. On July 31st, 1976 she married John E. Seidlitz, Jr. at St. Mary's Church in Chester. It was at this time that she was confirmed into the Catholic faith. They made their home in Missoula where John attended law school.

In 1981 they both graduated - John from law school and Mary from Montana Barber's College. They returned to Chester where John began practicing law and Mary worked as a hair stylist at "Just J's" Barber Shop. On Saturday evening, August 13th, Mary was injured in a single-vehicle accident on a gravel road south of Chester. She was flown by helicopter ambulance to the Great Falls Columbus Hospital where she died a few hours later in the emergency room there. Mary was just 27 years old.

While in Missoula, Mary was active in Christ the King Church choir at the Neuman Center. Since moving back to Chester, she was a member of the Liberty Leaver's Horseshoe Club and recently became interested in the Liberty County Crime Stoppers Association. Her hobbies were many, as were her talents. She enjoyed needle-craft and sewing, cooking and fancy baking, and sculpturing and drawing. During her free time at home she liked to play the guitar and work in the garden. Recently she became interested in hunting, mainly for deer and small animals. Mary also liked photography and was exceptionally good at the art of decopaging. But when it came to hobbies, her first and foremost love was horses. Since her childhood days to present, she has always found great pleasure and relaxation in working with the family horses.

Mary is survived by her husband, John of Chester; 2 sons, Jeremy and Jeffrey of Chester; her mother, Carol Jeppesen of Hamilton; her father, K. Grant Jeppesen of north Chester; 2 brothers,

Butch of Chester and Bruce in the U.S. Army at Fort Stewart, Georgia; her grandmother, Mrs. Frances Brown of Chester; parents-in-law, Jack and Patricia Seidlitz of Chester; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Mary was preceded in death by her grandparents.

A memorial fund is being established at C.H.S. for a Chorale Scholarship.

Rosary services were held Tuesday evening, August 16th, at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father John Coady leading in prayers. On Wednesday morning Father Coady celebrated the Mass of the Christian Burial. Special music was provided by members of St. Mary's choir, and songs included "On Eagle's Wing", "We Are Near", "Lamb of God", "Be Not Afraid", and "Sing a New Song".

Helen Ann Aaberg was accompanist. Reader was Mary Hodges and altar servers included Marty Duffin, Brad Kimball and Mark Duffin. Ushers were John Babcock and Doug Riggan. Cousins serving as pallbearers included Ken Jeppesen and Tom, Steve (Jr.), Stuart, Jim and Robert Brown. Memorial bearers included "all of Mary's friends" with special mention of Dick Brown, David Lundy, Jerry Larson, Gary Mader, James O'Brien, Rob Lochrie and John Abrahamson. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel. A luncheon by the Altar Society followed at the church.

ADELINE E. SEUSER

Born: July 18, 1912 - Died: December 7, 1983



Adeline Seuser, long time resident of North Inverness died December 7, 1983. Adeline Elmira Ineza Wicks was born at Wicks Station, Oregon to Flossie Bell Evans and John Jewel Wicks. They came to Montana in June, 1913.

Adeline attended high school in Inverness and graduated from Rudyard in 1930. She attended college at Northern Montana College and Western Teachers College. Adeline taught school for a few years, until she was married in 1936 to Victor Philip Seuser. They ranched and farmed north of Inverness. They had two children, DeLoris Louise and Laura Bell (Mrs. Steve Richardson) of Rudyard, and two grandchildren, Michael and Jon Richardson. Victor preceded her in death in 1965, as did two brothers, Hubert and Norman. She is survived by two brothers, Bert Wicks of Joplin and Walt Wicks of Chester.

Adeline's influence on young people and her contribution to her community will not be remembered for one large, striking event, but instead, it is the accumulation of many, daily bits of her time, patience, love and interest that she invested in others, especially "her kids." She taught by example as she worked with the greatest resource this community has - it's young people. The empty place she leaves can not be filled by any one, but many will need to fill in a part to continue on with what she so freely gave.

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Adeline was a true helpmate to Vic, working side by side with him as they farmed and raised cattle together. She was a loving mother who shared her daughters' triumphs as well as their disappointments. Steve and Laura's move to this community was such a blessing to her and it gave her such joy to have her grandsons near her.

Adeline was an active member of the Minneota Friendly Club, and the Pioneer Club. She was always supportive of any school activity, maybe especially the sports events. Many winter nights she and Louise spent traveling to basketball games or wrestling matches in towns throughout the division, cheering "her boys." One award that she treasured was the beaded "friendship" necklace that the Hays-Lodgepole school gave her because of her consistent caring and friendliness to their young people.

Adeline was selected as the 1983 recipient of the Hill County "Leader of the Year" award and this fall she received the State Sapphire award for 35 years of faithful leadership in 4-H. She helped organize the Lonesome Prairie 4-H in Rudyard. For many years she was active in the county 4-H council and the Friends of the Library. She was superintendent of the Ag. Building at the Fair for more than 15 years.

Fair projects, record books, Daily 4, Dress Revue, demonstrations and National Report Forms, whatever her 4-Hers were struggling with, she was hauling their stuff, making sure they had the materials and support they needed.

Adeline saw the worth in each young person and was willing to spend however many hours it took to help them with the task facing them. With her high standards of conduct she

taught them to win or to lose, each with good grace, whether on the basketball court or in the show ring.

Adeline made many investments and became very wealthy. She invested large amounts of time, physical energy and caring in the lives of her 4-Hers and the students of the Rudyard and Blue Sky schools. She was rich beyond measure in the love and respect given her by two generations of her boys and girls.

Builders using bricks and mortar erect structures. Adeline was a builder of character, a mason that used bricks marked "self-confidence," "hard work," and "fair play"; the mortar she used was love. Her construction was the kind that mattered most, for it will be a benchmark in this community to generations yet unborn. Adeline Seuser, mother, friend, builder, leader, example.

In her 35 years as a 4-H Leader, nearly 200 boys and girls belonged to her clubs and were influenced by her high standards of excellence in their projects as well as their characters. Adeline always expected more of each child than that

individual realized he could accomplish. But with constant interest, pats on the back as well as a shove in the right direction they found themselves wanting to live up to her goals for them. She had faith in each

child; her oft repeated saying "You can do it" encouraged each to try his best. Because of this, her Chirping Meadowlarks 4-H club won a large percentage of county and State awards.

No distance was too great, no day too long for Adeline to be with her boys and girls when they might need her. From the little first year 4-Her going off to camp, to the teenagers going to Congress, each could count on Adeline to be there smiling and encouraging.

DR. LOYD K. SHEPHERD

Born: July 18, 1913 - Died: October 11, 1983

Liberty County Times

October 27, 1983

Funeral held for Dr. Loyd Shepherd

Funeral services were held at Dunn's Funeral Home, in Des Moines, Iowa, for Dr. Loyd K. Shepherd, on Friday, October 14, 1983. Dr. Shepherd resided at 1504 57th Place, Des Moines, and died from pneumonia Tuesday, October 11, 1983 at Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

Dr. Shepherd was born in North Dakota, July 18, 1913. His parents were George and Addie Shepherd. They moved to Chester, Montana, in 1916, where Loyd attended grade and high school. In 1930, he moved to Des Moines. He was a

retired obstetrician, a member of the American Medical Association, past president of the Polk County Medical Society, and a World War II veteran.

Survivors include two sons, Kent of Half Moon Bay, California, and David, of West Des Moines; two daughters, Mary Munson of Newton, Iowa, and Nancy Miller of St. Louis, Missouri; two sisters, Mildred Shepherd and Gladys Shepherd, both of Des Moines, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kay, on August 11, 1983, his parents, three brothers and three sisters. A brother-in-law, Simon Warrington, resides in Chester, Montana.

PETER SIEMENS
Born: November 23, 1905 - Died: October 30, 1983
Liberty County Times
November 10, 1983

Funeral held for Peter Siemens

Funeral services for Peter Siemens, 77, were held at 2 p.m., November 2 at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre with Ron Johnson and Joe Hopkins of Kalispell officiating. Burial was in the Highland cemetery in Havre. He died Sunday, October 30.

Bill Lisenby played the organ. Vocalists were Lillian Beck, Leola Milks and Hubert Link singing "God's Word is so pure and so precious to me" and "Thou thinkest Lord of me".

Pallbearers were Eugene Schrouder, Larry Diacon, Leo Bialek, S. A. Horel, Donald Hanson and Charles Han. Honorary pallbearers were Aaron Wilson, Frank O'Neil, Walter Diacon, Albert Hansen, Gordyn Crofoot and Dave Tester.

Peter was born November 23, 1905 in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, to Jacob and Katrina Quiring Siemens. He came to Montana with his mother, stepfather and family and attended Spaberg school south of Inverness. He was married in Shelby in 1941 to Dorothy Oleyar and she survives. He worked for various ranches then brought



Peter Siemens, 77

the present ranch in 1947. He also drove the Inverness school bus from 1959 to 1971.

Other survivors include his son Charles Siemens of Billings, sister Mrs. Helen McCann of Joplin, Martha Wright of Chester, four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A brother and son preceded him in death.

GERTRUDE ALVINA THIELMAN SITCH
Born: August 4, 1903 - Died: June 11, 1983
Liberty County Times
June 16, 1983



**Funeral held for
Gertrude Sitch**

Gertrude Alvina Thielman was born on August 4th, 1903 in Bird Island, Minnesota. She was one of seven children born to Otto and Louise (Swanbeck) Thielman. As an infant she went with her family to a farm in Gardena, North Dakota. They came to Montana in 1916, to the Chester community, and farmed north of Tiber. Gert attended schools in Tiber through grade eight, then worked as assistant postmistress there under Mrs. Oscar Wigen. In the years that followed, she worked miscellaneous jobs in the Chester area. On December 24th, 1949 she married Fred Sitch in Kalispell. They made their home in Chester where Fred farmed for the Lenz Corporation for 20 years. They retired in 1979, and continued to live here in Chester. About a year ago Gert suffered a heart attack, and never really fully recovered from it. She became ill this past week, so was admitted to the Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. She died there three days later on the early morning hours of Saturday, June 11th. She was just two months shy of being 80 years old.

Gert was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Years ago she enjoyed fishing and dancing, but more recently her recreation time was spent in her flower garden. She had a "green thumb" and gave tender loving care to her house plants & ferns. Gert also did crocheting & tatting handiwork, and she liked to play cards (especially pinochle). In her quiet hours she enjoyed reading a good book or watching TV. Although Gert never had any children, she had a loyal family of nephews & nieces to fill that void. She always remembered birthdays, anniversaries, & other special occasions, and her family will never forget her kindness & generosity. Gert was a very happy person - she enjoyed people and life in general - but most of all she enjoyed her loyal friend & constant companion, Fred.

Survivors in addition to Fred include a brother, Harold Thielman of Chester; a sister, Freda

Rasch of Ellendale, North Dakota; and numerous nephews & nieces. Gert was preceded in death by her parents, by 2 brothers (Ed & George), and by 2 sisters (Mildred Greer & Marjorie Thielman). Memorials will be given to the Heart Association or to donor's choice.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 15th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Pastor Wayne Bungum officiated with funeral arrangements by Rlynn & Karen Rockman. Organist was Juanita Wardell, and a vocal ensemble performed "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross." The ensemble was made up of Sue & Mike Violett, Jan Christofferson and Wayne Wardell. Ushers were Jim, Gale & Terry Thielman. Active pallbearers included Raymond Fritz, Ira White, Dennis Kenfield, Ed Cole, Charles Green, & Bill Yackley. Honorary bearers included Leonard Fritz, Jake Walkman, Bill Cole, Ralph Jacobson, Elmer Hadford, & Glen Enghusen. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery followed by a luncheon at the church.

NORA ELLEN SPICHER

Born: ?, 1889 - Died: September 1, 1983

Liberty County Times

September 8, 1983

Funeral held for Nora Spicher

Nora Ellen Spicher, 94, died Friday at a nursing home in Bigfork, where she had lived since 1981. Funeral was 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Holland and Bonine Chapel in Havre with burial to follow in the family plot at the Hingham Cemetery in Hingham. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, she homesteaded 10 miles north of Hingham. In 1913, she married Chester Spicher. The couple farmed for many years before retiring to Havre in 1948. She was preceded in death by a son, Stanley, in 1923, and her husband in 1964. Survivors include three daughters, Mildred Farrell, Spokane, Washington, Stella Greb, College Place, Washington, and Nora Terwolbeck, Joplin; two sons, Marlin Spicher, Kalispell, and David Spicher, Sandpoint, Idaho; 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Nora Spicher

Funeral services for Nora Spicher were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Steve Jackson officiating.

Interment was in the family plot of the Hingham Cemetery.

Lynn Jackson was accompanist and Aileen Couch sang, "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden."

Great grandsons who were pallbearers were Brian Tompkins, Mike Tompkins, Mark Tompkins, Clint Greytak, Chris Olson and Dennis Mitchell.

Other great grandsons who were honorary pallbearers were Billy Sidlow, Larry Greytak, Kevin Carlberg, Randy Spicher, Daron Spicher, Jerry Spicher, Briton Spicher, Daryl Mitchell, Danny Mitchell, Walter Hanson, Casey Olson and Mark Farrell.

MAURICE W. STAUDACHER

Born: October 1, 1896 - Died: July 17, 1983

Liberty County Times

August 4, 1983

**Funeral held for
Maurice Staudacher**

Maurice W. Staudacher, 86, Route 2, Holcombe died Sunday, July 17, at Luther Hospital, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

He was born October 1, 1896 in Choate, Michigan, the son of Amanda (Crye) and Thomas Staudacher.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War I.

In 1920, Mr. Staudacher married Doris Squires in Great Falls, Montana. She preceded him in death in 1933. In 1937, he married Amy Cox at Bonners Ferry, Idaho. She also preceded him in death.

Mr. Staudacher was a mail carrier in Chester, Montana. In 1924, he was transferred to Holcombe. He retired in 1965 after 52 years of service as a mail carrier.

He was a member of Cornell Masonic Lodge #324 and Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Survivors include two brothers, Henry of Holcombe and Thomas of Chester, Montana, one sister, Jessie Fagerberg of Chester, Montana and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Wesley.

Funeral services were held 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Borton Funeral Home, Cornell, with the Rev. Calvin Carey officiating.

Pallbearers were: John Harvatine, Herman and Ivan Paulsen, Perry Fisk, Jim Doers and Marion Stanley.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Sheldon.

Friends called from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home at Cornell, Wisconsin. Masonic service was at 8 p.m.

BERNHARD STORVIK
Born: March 20, 1886 - Died : February 3, 1983
Liberty County Times
February 10, 1983

Bernhard Storvik, 95, a long-time resident of the Hi-Line area, died February 3 in the Liberty County Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Monday, February 7, and interment was in the Joplin Cemetery.

He was born March 20, 1886 in Storvik, Norway and came to the United States in 1908. Mr. Storvik homesteaded north of Inverness in 1910.

He was married to Dagny Bakke, September 14, 1926. She died on January 28, 1980.

For the past three years Mr.

Storvik lived in the Sweet Grass Lodge in Chester.

He was a 50-year member of the Joplin Masonic Lodge No. 114, AF & AM, a life member of Chapter No. 119 of the York Rite and had donated to the Million Dollar Club of the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

Surviving him are nephews, Clarence Bakke, Inverness and Allan Friberg, Inverness, sister-in-law, Frances Friberg, Inverness; Mathilda Cleveland, Portland, Oregon and Ruth Rapstad Great Falls.

A sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

EVA McNAIR STRUCK

Born: November 22, 1915 - Died: June 8, 1983

Liberty County Times

July 14, 1983

Eva Struck dies in North Dakota

Funeral services for Eva Struck, age 67, of Dunseith, were held Saturday, Jun 11, at 2:00 p.m., in the Peace Lutheran Church of Dunseith. The Reverend Kim Smith was the officiant. Joni Richard was the soloist, and Agnes Salmonson was the organist. Casket bearers were: Cliff Halvorson, Erling Berg, Fortune Berube, Bill Fassett, Alan Campbell and Bob Leonard. Concluding services were held at the Riverside Cemetery at Dunseith.

Eva Struck, the daughter of Archie and Alma McNair, was born November 22, 1915, at Horizon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Following high school, she attended Business College in Chicago, Illinois, and returned to Canada where she held a secretarial position at the Parliament Buildings in Regina, Saskatchewan. In 1946, she was married to Lawrence Struck at Regina, and they moved to Rudyard, Montana. Eva helped her husband in a retail Dry Good Store there. In 1965, they moved to Dunseith and she assisted Lawrence in the management of Hosmer's V-Store. She had been a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Rudyard, The American Legion Auxiliary at Dunseith. She was also a member of Peace Lutheran Church and the ALCW. Eva passed away on Wednesday, June 8, at the Rugby hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; one son, Lee of Phoenix, Arizona; two daughters, Gwendolynn Stevenson of Bottineau, and Edith Lampman of Bay City, Wisconsin; two grandchildren, Michele and Michael Stevenson, both of Bottineau; and five brothers; Donald McNair of Coronach, Saskatchewan; Dorice McNair of Inverness, Montana; Vergie McNair of Regina, Saskatchewan; Ellsworth McNair of Havre, Montana; and Robert McNair of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Arrangements with Nero Funeral Home of Dunseith.

KEEGAN-HECK-SWEENEY
Born: January 10, 1983 - Died : January 10, 1983
Liberty County Times
January 20, 1983

**Memorial services
for infant**

Keegan-Heck-Sweeney memorial services were held January 15, 1983 at the Hennessy Funeral Home in Spokane, Washington.

Keegan-Heck-Sweeney was born January 10, 1983 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sweeney of South 2727 Perry, Spokane, Washington 99203.

Mrs. Sweeney is the former Gail Heck of Inverness, Montana and a daughter of the late maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heck.

Surviving are paternal grandparents Jim Sweeney and Mrs. Ben Taylor of Spokane, Washington and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials are suggested to the Nurses Education Fund, Sacred Heart Hospital, Newborn high risk ICU Center, Spokane, Washington.

EDNA L. SMEDSRUD

Born: ?, 1925 - Died: July 2, 1983

Liberty County Times

July 7, 1983

**Funeral held for
Edna Smedsrud,**

Edna L. Smedsred, 58, died Saturday in a Shelby hospital. Services were 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Shelby, and burial was in Mountainview Cemetery. She was born in Duluth, Minnesota. She moved to Minneapolis for a year before moving to Ledger in 1955. She later moved to Shelby. Survivors include three sons, Gordon, Duane and Rodger, and a daughter, Lisa, all of Shelby; four grandchildren; and a brother, Tom Trevillion of Duluth.

MAX G. SOPHER

Born: November 10, 1910 - Died: November 5, 1983

Liberty County Times

November 17, 1983

Funeral held for Max Sopher

Funeral service, with graveside military rites was held at Oskaloosa, Iowa, November 9, 1983 for Max G. Sopher, who died November 5 at Riverview Care Center after five years illness in Des Moines, Iowa.

Max, a son of R.W. and Clara Sopher, was born November 10, 1910 at Oskaloosa. He attended schools in that area but was graduated from St. Regis High School in Montana. He worked in Joplin several years before World War II. He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Choir, a charter member of the Lutheran Brotherhood and a baritone in the Joplin Harmonizers Male Sextette.

April 20, 1942 he went with the large draft group from Liberty County and was stationed in Texas, Arkansas and England until his discharge December 31, 1945. He returned to Joplin and worked at the Joplin Meat Market until 1951 when he enrolled and completed a course in radio and TV at American Tech. College, Des Moines, Iowa. He was employed by Iowa Radio and Mid-State Distributors, Des Moines, for 25 years when illness forced him to enter the Veteran's hospital, then Riverview Care Center, Des Moines.

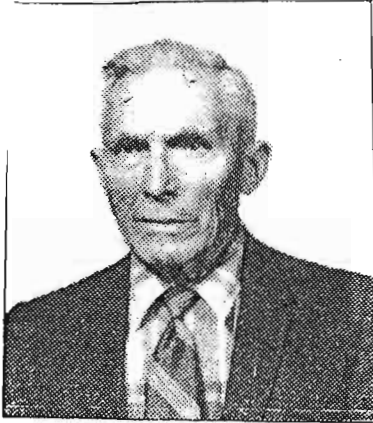
Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother Earl. Survivors are two sisters, Floy Sheesley, Oskaloosa and Vera Anderson, Joplin; a sister-in-law, Ethel Sopher, Oskaloosa; nephew LeRoy Sopher, Oskaloosa, nephew F.E. Sopher, Salem, Oregon; niece Elaine Campbell, Des Moines; several great nieces and nephews and many cousins.

MATH THIELTGES

Born: October 16, 1885 - Died: January 9, 1983

Liberty County Times

January 13, 1983



MATH THIELTGES

Math Thieltges, 97, born to earthly life October 16, 1885 to John and Helen Adams Thieltges in Feuerscheid, Germany. Born to eternal life January 9, 1983 when he passed away Sunday 9:10 a.m. at the Liberty County Hospital due to a stroke. Math worked on the family farm until the fall of 1906 when he went for his training in the army. He was assigned to the 69th regiment. In his second year Math was a servant chosen by an Army Officer. In 1908 after completing the full two years Math was honorably discharged and returned home to help on the farm. In 1911 Math left his native land for America. He worked that summer in Minnesota and in the fall of 1911 Math left for Saskatchewan, Canada. After working at various jobs in Canada he heard of the great opportunities in Montana. On March 19, 1912 Math bought lumber at Chester Lumber Company and got the necessary material to build his 12 x 14 foot two room homestead shack. Like any of the homesteaders will tell you, it was tough going many times. There was very little money and only the bare essentials.

Math proved to be a very successful farmer and over the years was able to help many others to get started in the farming business. He also was the instigator and first generous donor for the new hospital

and Sweetgrass Lodge here in Chester.

Math married Julia Morkrid in 1917, who was a neighboring homesteader. Preceding him in death was his wife, Julia, his parents, his five brothers and two sisters. Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. Monday with funeral services Tuesday the 11th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Attending Con-celebrants were Bishop Eldon Schuster, Father John Coady and Father Conan Mulrooney. Burial followed at the Chester Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers included Carl Brown, Bill Fraser, Alfred Hanson, Senator Allen Kolstad, Oliver Morkrid and Darby O'Brien. Honorary Pallbearers were all Math's Friends. Ushers were Leonard Streit and Lawrence Schaefer, music by St. Mary's Choir. Math left a wish that any memorial be given to the Sweetgrass Retirement Home.

Math was born in Trier, Germany which is near the Rhine Valley. He had five brothers and two sisters. They were raised on the family farm. Math worked on the farm until the fall of 1906 when he went for his training in the Army. He was assigned to the 69 Regiment. This was a training career program and preparedness in case of an emergency. In his second year Math was a servant chosen by an Army Officer. In 1908 after completing the full two years Math was honorably discharged and returned home to help out on the farm, his father had passed away and he felt needed. He spent the next three years on the farm. In 1911 Math felt the urge to go to America. He was the only one in his immediate family to venture out-so far.

He was 26 years old now, his brother Nick walked 10 miles with Math on the day that he left to help carry his suitcase to another village which took 3 hours to get his train and head North West to Amsterdam. The snow was about 10 inches deep, so difficult walking. Math left home with only 100 Mark which is equivalent to \$25.00 in American money and only speaking the German language. They arrived an hour before the train left so Math and his brother had a little more time to visit before his departure. January 7 Math left Amsterdam on the Olympic Ship to sail across the Atlantic Ocean. There was great excitement, the band played and many to see their loved ones off. It took 13 days to sail to America, 12 of these Math says he was sea sick. He spent a lot of his time while sailing trying to memorize many practical words and short sentences from his German-English dictionary. On January 19, 1911 the Olympic docked at their destination at New York City. Math hoped now for a new and more successful life in the United States. Math says he walked to a hotel nearby, got a cheap room, closed his door and really felt so all alone in this new country. The next day Math along with some fellows he had gotten acquainted with on the ship toured New York City. Math stayed in New York for five days. Then left by train heading for his Uncle's farm home in Minnesota. Since it was winter there wasn't work to be found until a neighbor man became ill and hired Math to do chores for him for his room and board. Math worked here until March and then got a job on another farm for \$35.00 a month. He says the work here was so different from that in Germany.

In the fall of 1911 Math left for Saskatchewan, Canada. He could get twice the salary there he was told that he could in Minnesota. Math saved all the money he could and on December 3, 1911, a cold front set in and again no work. He then got a ride to Edmonton. He worked

there at the Strat-Cona Beer Co. He worked for the manager of the Co. for \$25.00 a month and room and boarded with him.

While in Canada Math met Mr. Ike Diemert from Liberty County. Ike told Math of the great land opportunities there. In the summer of 1912 Math bought a train ticket from Carmengay, Alberta to Chester. Before the train pulled out Math told of two old German men at the depot who asked Math to run down to the corner saloon to get each a beer. In the meantime Math missed the train and ended up walking 36 miles on the rails to get a train to Lethbridge. This took Math about 10 hours to walk. He finally got his train to Chester by way of Shelby. When he got to Chester he contacted the land locator. He could buy a relinquishment place for \$400.00. Math paid \$200.00 down and this was his first land. This is his original homestead.

Math returned to Canada to work on the railroad until he had enough money to buy a couple horses and a wagon. He arrives back at Chester March 19, 1912, bought lumber at Chester Lumber Co. and got the necessary material to build his 12 x 14 foot two room homestead shack. This was a home well earned and he appreciated every thing he came by. Like any of the homesteaders will tell you it was tough going many a time, very little money and only the bare essentials. Math says his first winter in Montana was very long and lonely. Math married Julia Morkrid in 1917 who was a neighbor homesteader. He said she owned a buggy before he did so they had transportation.

MATHIAS THIELTGES

Born to earthly life October 16, 1885
Born to eternal life January 9, 1983

PLACE OF SERVICE
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Chester, Montana

TIME OF SERVICE
Tuesday, Jan. 11 10:00 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE
Con-celebrants
Bishop Eldon Schuster
Father John Coady
Father Conan Mulrooney

PLACE OF INTERMENT
Chester Cemetery

PALLBEARERS
Carl Brown
Bill Fraser
Alfred Hanson
Allen Kolstad
Oliver Morkrid
Darby O'Brien

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
All Math's Friends

USHERS
Leonard Streit
Lawrence Schaefer

MUSIC
St. Mary's Choir

*God hath not promised
Shies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love . . .*

Arrangements by Rockman Chapel

OSCAR WALKMAN

Born: ?, 1916 - Died: May 1, 1983

Liberty County Times

May 5, 1983

Funeral held for Oscar Walkman

Walkman, Oscar, 67, East Helena, died Sunday at the Veterans Hospital at Fort Harrison. Military graveside services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Retz Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Born in Chester, he attended school and farmed in the Chester area until moving to Great Falls in 1941, where he worked at Malmstrom Air Force Base. Walkman joined a Navy construction battalion in 1943 and served in the South Pacific during World War II. In 1945 he returned to Great Falls to work as an operating engineer. Later he learned the carpentry trade in Texas and, in 1964, retired to Helena due to ill health. He was a past member of the Operating Engineers Union of Great Falls. He married Audry Krengel in Great Falls. Survivors include his wife; a son, Karl, East Helena; daughter, Karla Teichman, Seattle; brothers, Arthur, Great Falls, and Jake, Chester; a sister, Evelyn Sigler, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DAVID WARD
Born: December 28, 1938 - Died: May 7, 1983
Liberty County Times
May 19, 1983

Funeral held for David Ward, 44

A 44-year-old Missoula man flying from Missoula to Rock Springs, Wyoming, crashed his single-engine airplane into a snow-covered mountain peak near Alpine Junction and died, authorities said.

David Ward apparently was killed in the crash, but an

autopsy was being performed Wednesday to determine the cause of death, Lincoln County Sheriff Deb. Wolfley said.

Ward's body was recovered from the peak at 7 a.m. Wednesday. Wolfley said Ward was the only person in the plane.

A search began when Ward failed to show up in Rock Springs at noon Tuesday.

Wolfley said a C-130 search plane flown by an Air Force crew from Utah spotted the wreckage of the Piper P-28 about 5 p.m. near the top of a peak about two miles northeast of Alpine Junction, just inside Wyoming's far western border.

Two members of the Grand Teton Mountain Team and Teton County Sheriff Roger Millward scaled the peak and found Ward dead. They stayed on the mountain all night and helped get the body out by helicopter the next morning, Wolfley said.

The sheriff said there was no word on a possible cause of the crash.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Board were to begin their probe Wednesday. Wolfley said they would fly to the crash site by helicopter.

Ward, a Montana native, was born on December 28, 1938, in Chester, the son of Hazel and Gerald M. Ward. He was raised and attended schools in Chester.

He entered the U.S. Navy, and after receiving his discharge, he returned to Chester for four years. He then moved to Missoula and began working

for 4-G Plumbing & Heating as a heavy-equipment operator.

On August 11, 1972, he married BillyeDee Carla Corbin in Missoula.

He enjoyed stock car driving, skiing and was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in Missoula.

Survivors include his wife, BillyeDee, Missoula; a daughter, Nikki, Missoula; his parents, Gerald and Hazel, Los Olivas, California; two brothers, Ted, Billings; Monte, Tacoma, Washington; and five sisters, Kathleen Schuhmacher, Chester; Lynda McKinney, Libby; Karen Gehrke, Sunburst; Birdie Lawson, Omaha, Nebraska; Sherrill Kovacich, Anaconda.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Lolo Community Church under the direction of Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home. The Rev. Gale Fister officiated.

Burial followed at the Missoula Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Dick Warwick, Clyde Corbin, Shawn Kovacich, Ray Bukovatz, Mel Jensen and Bob Pugsley. Honorary pallbearers were Phillip McKinney, Bob Lawson, Paul Kovacich, Pete Schumacher and Jerry Gehrke.

The family suggests memorials to the Lolo Community Church, c/o 629 Plymouth, Missoula.

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ETHEL WATERS
Born: ?, 1904 - Died: August 13, 1983
Liberty County Times
August 18, 1983

**Funeral held Wed.
for Ethel Waters, 79**

Ethel Waters, 79, died Saturday in a Malta hospital after a brief illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Adams Memorial Chapel. She was born in Missouri and came to Malta in 1923. She married Clyde Waters in 1924 at Malta, and they lived there since. Survivors include her husband; three sons, Neil and Don, both of Malta, and Harlie, Lewistown; a daughter, Mona K. Nelson, Riverton, Wyoming; and 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

PHILIP WICKLUND

Born: October 2, 1898 - Died: June 9, 1983

Liberty County Times

June 23, 1983

Funeral held for Philip Wicklund

Philip Wicklund was born October 2, 1898 in Barnum, Minnesota, a son of Axel and Amanda Wicklund. He has lived with his family in various places in Minnesota before coming to Inverness, Montana in 1914. December 1, 1923 he was married to Vivian Harrison in Havre, Montana. The couple had farmed in the Minneota community north of Inverness from 1923 until 1961 when they moved to the east lake shore of Flathead Lake where they owned and operated the Our Point of View Motel. In 1971 they sold the motel and moved to their present home on LaSalle Road where he resided until his death.

During his younger years he worked for awhile on a ranch near Phillipsburg, Montana - also in the coal mines in the Goldstone area, before owning his own farm. He was also an adept carpenter and had made lamps, tables and footstools out of driftwood, juniper and other woods, of late using diamond willow.

He loved to fish and was a friend to all he met. One of the things he enjoyed was roaming the Kenneell Coulees near the Canadian border looking for fossels, prehistoric animal skeletons and arrowheads. He en-

joyed camping and all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in these later years. He worked in the cherry warehouse for about 13 years and every summer has made a point of checking out the warehouse to see if it was running OK.

The Wicklund's used to raise large gardens of flowers and vegetables which they shared with friends who came to call.

Wicklund was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian, on March 2, 1980; his parents, two brothers, two sisters, an infant son and an infant daughter. He is now survived by two sons, Marvin of Tekoa, Washington; Glenden of Kalispell, Montana; a daughter, Virginia Ramsfield of Bigfork; three sisters, Esther Wicklund of Long Beach, California; Helen Swartz of Pinole, California and Ruth Wicklund of Auburn, Washington; ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

He died on Thursday evening, June 9, at the age of 84 years. Services were held in The Little Brown Church at Bigfork with Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel in charge. He was buried in Lone Pine Cemetery beside his wife.

SARAH WILLIAMS
Born: February 2, 1906 - Died: May 28, 1983
Liberty County Times
June 9, 1983

Sarah Williams passes

KREMLIN NEWS
By Carol Heggen

Sympathy of the community is again extended to the family of one of Kremlin's longtime residents, Sarah Williams died on May 28, 1983 in Havre. Sarah Williams was born in Starkweather, North Dakota, February 2, 1906. She died May 28 at the age of 77 years. She moved with her family to Montana in 1911, where they homesteaded north of Gildford. She attended the North Gildford Consolidated School and the Gildford School. She mar-

ried Coleman Emery Williams March 12, 1924. They farmed in the Kremlin area until they retired in 1965. They then moved to Edmonds, Washington where Coleman preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers, Paul, Henry and Olando Brumbaugh. She returned to Kremlin in 1976 where she has made her home with her son Carl. She was a member of the Kremlin United Methodist Church and was active in the church and in the community. She is survived by

six children, Mildred Woepfel, Lynnwood, Washington; Bessie Doll, Missoula; Emery, Renton, Washington; and Lyle, John and Carl, all of Kremlin; one brother, William Brumbaugh, Kremlin; a sister-in-law, June Brumbaugh, Minot, North Dakota; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. A memorial service was held for Sarah June 1, in Havre at the Holland and Bonine Chapel with Conrad Rhoads as officiant. Honorary pallbearers were: Ed Haugen, Mel Gornke, Wilbur Rolston, Harold Howser, Earl Pollington and John McCormick. Interment was at Greenland Cemetery, Alderwood Manor, Washington.

GARY JOSEPH WURTZ
Born: April 7, 1978 - Died: May 16, 1983
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Boy drowns in reservoir

Monday, May 16, 1983 at approximately 6:40 p.m. Gary Joseph Wurtz, age 5, of Riverview Hutterite Colony drowned in a reservoir on the colony property.

Gary had been playing with several other young boys from the colony when he attempted to retrieve an innertube from the water, slipped on the rocks and fell in. Attempts by the young boys to reach Gary failed.

After the adults from the colony were notified they rushed to the scene and removed Gary from the water but were unable to revive him. The spot where the boy fell in was approximately 18 feet deep and according to Gary's father none of the young boys knew how to swim.

Gary Joseph Wurtz was born at the Chester Hospital on April 7th, 1978. His parents are Joseph David Wurtz and Lydia Paul Wipf. He was the second of four children, and as an infant lived at the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester. For the past three years the family has lived at the Riverview Colony located 26 miles south of Chester. Gary was a very smart boy for his age and showed real leadership qualities. He loved to work in the pig barn at the colony. In the evenings he liked "bed-time" stories, especially Biblical ones.

He spent a lot of time with his pet cat, "Old Ruby."

Surviving in addition to his parents are 2 sisters, Diane & Joann, and 1 brother, Brian, all of the Riverview Colony; grandparents David & Susie Wurtz of Riverview and Paul & Anna Wipf of Riverview; great-grandparents, Paul Waldner of Sage Creek and Rebecca Wipf of Riverview; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 18th, at 1:00 p.m. at Riverview Colony, followed by burial in the Riverview Cemetery.

ERVIN JOHN ZOERB
Born: August 31, 1894 - Died: November 10, 1983
Liberty County Times
December 8, 1983

Funeral held for Ervin Zoerb, 89

Ervin John Zoerb, 89, Osburn, died November 10 at the Shoshone Living Center in Kellogg, Idaho.

He was born August 31, 1894, at Cavalier, North Dakota and came to the Murray, Idaho area in 1936 from Montana. He moved to Osburn in 1941.

A farmer before coming to Idaho, he worked here as a truck driver and a crane operator. He was also a member of the Operator's Engineer Local No. 370 in Spokane.

He married Irene Hyle in Havre, Montana, November 21, 1916. She died January 1, 1983.

Survivors include Mrs. Ruby Jemison of Coeur d'Alene, Mrs. Harvey Vivian Legault of Osburn, Mrs. Emory Ruth Adams of Pinehurst and Mrs. Chuck Lois Smith of Springfield, Oregon; two sisters, Ida Christian of Spokane and Minnie Smith of Osburn; 12 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Monday at 1 p.m. at English Funeral Chapel in Coeur d'Alene. Burial will be at the Riverview Section of Forest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Shoshone Living Center or the charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Zoerb came to Montana in 1910, working at the Great Northern Treating plant in Inverness and later farmed north of town.

CATHERINA KRISTINA (RENA) ZORN
Born: October 20, 1908 - Died: May 23, 1983
Liberty County Times
June 2, 1983



Rena Zorn

Catherina Kristina Heimbigner was born on October 20th, 1908 in Ritzville, Washington. She was the youngest of three children born to Jacob & Katy (Greenwalt) Heimbigner. Rena came to Montana as a child. Her mother homesteaded southwest of Chester. Rena attended the Prairie Rose country school near the farm, and then attended one year of high school in Lothair. In the few years that followed she worked in the old Grand Cafe in Chester. On March 1, 1931 she married Roy F. Zorn in Joplin. They made their home north of Chester where Roy farmed the Fred Stage place. Several years later they moved into Chester. In 1941 they purchased "Pappy's Bar" (Pappy was Roy's nickname), and they ran it until Roy's death in 1957. Rena continued to manage the bar alone until the early 1960's, then sold it. She has maintained and lived in her own home since, and has worked various jobs around Chester. She was a hard worker, even up until her last days. Rena's health has been relatively good over the years, but she suffered a hard emotional jolt this past April 25th at the death of her youngest son, Buzz. This past Monday morning (May 23rd) she was found unresponsive at home and was pronounced dead at the Chester Hospital. She was 74½ years old.

Rena was a charter member of the Royal Neighbor's of America (Chester's Wild Rose Camp) and her membership dated back to 1926. She was also a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the Lydia Circle. As everyone knows, Rena was an avid sports fan.

She has been loyal to high school sports since the days her boys first participated. She had no hobbies per se, but enjoyed putting in her yard or driving around Chester, the town she loved. Rena was a loyal family person, and she lived her life for Dale and Buzz.

She is survived by 1 son, Dale of Shelby; 1 brother, Benny Heimbigner of Chester; 1 sister, Annie Lobe of Wenatchee, Washington; 2 half-brothers, Larry Bassett of Chester and Richard Bassett of Denver, Colorado; 6 grandchildren (including Leanne O'Malley, Wendy Ihde, and Dean, Donald, Bob and Dan Zorn); 2 great-grandsons (Derek and Brandon Ihde); and numerous nephews and nieces. Rena was preceded in death not only by her parents, husband and son, but also by 2 half-brothers (Cecil and Wayne Bassett).

Funeral services for Rena were held Thursday, May 26th, at 11 a.m. in the Chester Lutheran Church. Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated. Postlude and prelude music was provided by Jan Christoffer-son, and the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." A vocal duet by grandsons Bob and Dan Zorn provided a personal touch in "The Old Rugged Cross." Ushers were Bud Broadhurst and Don Raunig, and honorary bearers were Rena's friends in the Chester Wild Rose Camp of the R.N.A. Active pallbearers included Joe Seidlitz, George Braun, Cliff Hanson, Bob Aitken, Doug Bussell and Darby O'Brien. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery and a luncheon followed at the R.N.A. Hall. Arrangements were by Rockman Chapel, Chester.

DELANOR DEAN ZORN
Born: March 7, 1940 - Died: April 25, 1983
Liberty County Times
May 5, 1983



DELANOR DEAN ZORN

Delanor Dean Zorn was one of two children born to Roy F. and Catherena (Heimbigner) Zorn. His family had been in the community for many years; his grandparents on both sides were early day "homesteaders." Buzz was born at the Mary Buck Hospital in Chester on March 7th, 1940. He attended the Chester Public School System, graduating from high school in 1958. Buzz earned a unique award - probably one of a kind - for perfect attendance during all 12 years of school here in Chester. He was active in high school athletics and participated in basketball and football. He also played the clarinet in the high school band for six years. Following graduation,

Buzz attended Northern Montana College in Havre for a year. He was later drafted into the military and served in the U.S. Army until 1963, and then he returned to Chester. For the next five years Buzz worked at the old Keith Conoco Station.

November 21st, 1964 he married Alpha Johnson in Idaho. They made their home in Chester and the product of their marriage was two sons. In 1967 Buzz took a job with the Town of Chester on the city crew. He worked for the city until 1981, and since then has done odd jobs around town. Buzz was stricken at home on the evening of Monday, April 25th. He was rushed to the Liberty County Hospital where

resuscitation measures were to no avail. He died at the age of 43 years.

Buzz had been a long-time and loyal member of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department. He was also active in the American Legion, and was one of the first ready to serve in the color guard at parades, Memorial Day celebrations, and funeral rites. In his younger years he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and in more recent years he was an avid and excellent bowler. Up until the last few years he had been a regular softball umpire at the Chester Sports Complex. Buzz was one of the charter members of the Liberty Leapers Horseshoe Club and always fared well at horseshoe tournaments. And, as everyone knows, Buzz was a loyal Chester High School sports fan. He never missed a home game and was pretty loyal to out-of-town games, too. He especially enjoyed high school tournaments, and you could always see him there with his blue and gold booster jacket on!

Buzz is survived by his two sons, Dean of Chester and Donald of Richland, Washington; his mother, Rena of Chester; his brother, Dale of Shelby; two nephews; two nieces; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father in 1957.

Funeral services were held Friday morning, April 29th, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. The Reverend Wayne Bungum officiated and Jan Christofferson served as organist. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Beautiful Savior." Ushers were Rod Keith and Quannah Bailey. Friends serving as pallbearers included Bob Norstrom, Bob Aitken, Allan Standiford, Bing Furlong, Dennis Snyder and Paul Overlie. Honorary bearers were members of the Chester American Legion and V.F.W. Following military rites at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon by the Royal Neighbors was given at the R.N.A. Hall. Funeral arrangements were by Rockman Chapel.

ELLEN MYRTLE ZORN

Born: May 2, 1906 - Died: February 6, 1983

Liberty County Times

February 10, 1983

Funeral today for Ellen Zorn

Ellen Myrtle Skonord was born on May 2, 1906, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was one of eight children born to Lars and Gustava (Johnson) Skonord, who were immigrants from Norway. Ellen came to Montana in April of 1914 with her family, who homesteaded 23 miles north of Joplin. She attended the Tingdahl School located near the farm. The Skonord family later operated a restaurant and shoe shop in Joplin, so Ellen worked there in her teens and early twenties.

On October 22, 1932, she married Raymond T. Zorn in Havre. Together they farmed 12 miles northeast of Chester until 1969 when they sold the place. They purchased the laundromat in Chester and operated it until 1972, when they retired. Raymond died on May 15, 1973. Ellen maintained her own home until 1981 when she moved to the Chester Rest Home. After a long illness she died at the Liberty County Hospital on Sunday morning, February 6. She was 76 years old.

Ellen had held church memberships at Bethel in Joplin and Our Savior's in Chester. Prior to her ill-health she had been active in the A.L.C.W. and the Esther Circle. All four of her sons had some military involve-

ment, so she was a long-time member of the Chester American Legion Auxiliary. As hobbies she enjoyed making quilts and doing needlework.

Survivors include 4 sons, Raymond (Jr.) of Chester, Gordon of Havre, Duane ("Skip") of Shelby, and Irwin ("Ted") of Belgrade; 3 daughters, Alma Soper of Chester, Mrs. Bill (Marilynn) Gunderson of Chester, and Mrs. Duane (Darlene) Fraser of Inverness; 2 brothers, Palmer Skonord of Chester and R. H. ("Rudy") Skonord of Camano Island, Washington; 2 sisters, Mrs. Estella Pimley of Joplin and Mrs. Lloyd (Alma) Hadford of Joplin; 19 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Ellen was preceded in death not only by her husband and parents, but also by 2 brothers, 1 sister, and 1 grandchild.

Memorial gifts will be given to the Liberty County Nursing Home or to the Bethel Church in Joplin.

Funeral services will be today (Thursday, February 10th) at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester. Reverend Wayne Bungum will officiate with organ music provided by Iris White. A congregational song will be "Amazing

Grace" and a vocal number by Sue Violett will be "Beyond the Sunset." Ushers are Cliff Hanson and Dean Wolfe, and pallbearers include Russell Furlong, Eldon Graff, Bob Aitken, Larry Bassett, Darby O'Brien and George Braun. Honorary bearers are all of Ellen's friends and neighbors, with special recognition to Tom Staudacher, Ole Fagerberg, Harold Thielman, Ben Heimbigner, Alva Shettel and David James. The American Legion Auxiliary will also be recognized. Burial will be in the Chester Cemetery with arrangements by Rockman Chapel and a memorial luncheon given by the A.L.C.W. will follow.



ELLEN ZORN